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The Honorable Lori D. Wilson
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RE: AB 549 – California Elimination of Discrimination Against Women- SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wilson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 549 addressing the continued need to analyze operations of state departments, policies, and programs to identify discrimination in employment practices, budgets, and provisions of direct and indirect services. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values. As one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with hundreds of members, we advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Equal Rights (ERA & CEDAW) <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support AB 549 and its goal to implement the CEDAW principles of equality of rights, opportunity, and responsibilities that California women and girls deserve and eliminate gender discrimination in our state.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 549 as an important step forward in battling systematic discrimination in the form of unequal pay, workplace harassment, domestic violence, limited access to healthcare and more. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 549.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Paula Lopez Ochoa

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