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The Honorable Terri A. Sewell
1035 Longworth House Office Building
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RE: HR 14 (Sewell) John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2023 -SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Sewell:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 14, The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which establishes new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices may take effect.

SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest political committees in Santa Barbara County, with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions including civil rights, which states: "We believe in and promote full and equal rights for all. We advocate for legislation advancing equity in areas such as voting access." <https://sbwpc.org/positions>. Our strategy includes "demanding political representation that truly reflects the diversity of our communities...and promoting political engagement and participation by all people."

SBWPC strongly supports this bill because The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will expand voting access, protect voting rights, and restore key provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

SBWPC therefore enthusiastically supports HR 14, The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2023 and wishes to sign on as a supporter of this bill.

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

President SBWPC
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