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# From Marching in the Streets to a Seat at the Table

May 15, 2023

The Honorable Representative Barbara Lee

2470 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

Email: [Greg.Adams@mail.house.gov](mailto:Greg.Adams@mail.house.gov)

**RE: H.R. 561- EACH Act - SUPPORT (Equal Access to Abortion**

**Coverage in Health Insurance)** Dear Congressman Lee,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 561, the Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance Act of 2023, or the “EACH Act” that would reduce economic barriers to abortion access by ending the Hyde Amendment and related bans on abortion coverage that make abortion care unaffordable for so many Americans employed in the federal government or those enrolled in federal health insurance programs, and families who receive health care through a government provider such as the Indian Health Service.

Our organization’s strong support for the EACH Act is consistent with SBWPC’s overall mission of furthering gender equality and advocating for an equitable society. As one of the largest women’s political committees in Santa Barbara County with hundreds of members, SBWPC advocates for a diverse set of positions which include access for all to affordable abortion care. See our position statements on issues including choice and reproductive rights at <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee regards the EACH Act as a long-overdue step toward making medical care more equitable and affordable for all Americans, especially Medicaid recipients who experience elevated rates of poverty, unemployment, and gaps in private insurance coverage, making them more likely to experience the hardships caused by the Hyde Amendment. The majority (55%) of reproductive-age women enrolled in Medicaid live in states that withhold or severely restrict insurance coverage for abortion services.

**Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 561.**

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](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

Sincerely,

**Paula Lopez Ochoa**

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President SBWPC

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CC: Sen. Tammy Duckworth re S. 1031 EACH Act

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