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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Hart Senate Office Building, Rm. 530
Washington, D.C. 20510
Email: Chris_Gorud@whitehouse.senate.gov

RE: S. 359 – Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act of 2023 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Whitehouse,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S. 359, the Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act of 2023. 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 Human Rights, Civil Rights, and Equal Opportunity (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We are aware that S. 359 seeks to make important changes to the ethical standards, financial disclosure requirements, and recusal requirements that apply to Supreme Court Justices. This bill would, among other directives, require the Supreme Court to adopt a code of conduct for Justices, establish procedures to receive and investigate complaints of judicial misconduct, and adopt more rigorous rules governing the disclosure of gifts, travel, and income received. By making these changes, S. 359 would help to reinforce the standards of transparency, objectivity, and public trust that the Supreme Court must embody.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S. 359 as a critical step forward in upholding the integrity of our federal judicial system, to the benefit of all of our constituencies. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S. 359.**

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,

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