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## 35 Years of Feminism From Marching in the Streets to a Seat at the Table

April 6, 2022

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
141 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
Email: Legislative Director [Meghan\\_Rai@Baldwin.senate.gov](mailto:Meghan_Rai@Baldwin.senate.gov)

### RE: S 701 – Women’s Health Protection Act of 2023 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Baldwin,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S 701 addressing Women’s Health Protection, prohibiting governmental restrictions on access to critical abortion 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 Reproductive Justice – the fundamental right of all people to have access to safe, accessible, affordable abortion and contraception, regardless of age, race, or economic circumstances <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

The right to decide whether and when to become a parent is a private and personal matter. Reproductive rights include access to timely, affordable, and comprehensive reproductive, prenatal, perinatal, and postnatal care. Reproductive justice requires that all people receive scientifically accurate, unbiased medical advice, education, and services so that they can make informed decisions free of coercion. It also requires that pregnant people be afforded the same rights, freedoms, and protections as all other people.

The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee regards S 701 as an important step forward in preserving reproductive – and healthcare – rights. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S 701.**

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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