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**RE: H.R. 6202- Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act-SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Pressley:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 6202 addressing the prohibition of using federal funds for law enforcement officers in schools and establishing a grant program to replace law enforcement officers in schools with personnel and services that support mental health and trauma-informed services.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Commission 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 includes that "all individuals have the right to a quality accessible, equitable public education." The SBWPC further recognizes that "Students of color experience institutional barriers which include insufficient public school resources, lowered academic expectations" and, most pertinent to the bill in question, "disproportionate discipline." (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

The SBWPC regards H.R. 6202 as an important step forward in establishing supportive rather than punitive services for American students. **Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R. 6202.**

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,

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