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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Senator Shannon Grove
Email: Elizabeth.Watson@sen.ca.gov

RE: SB 1414 - Crimes: solicitation of a minor - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Grove,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 1414 which recategorizes Human Trafficking as a Serious Felony. 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 crimes against women have at their root an intersection between sexism and other forms of oppression. Therefore, we oppose all forms of violence and prejudice which oppress women.

We understand that this legislation strives to strengthen the consequences of sex trafficking, which inordinately affects women and children in California. By increasing the crime classification from a misdemeanor to a felony, imposing longer sentences and higher fines, perpetrators will receive a strong message that exploitation of our children will not be tolerated.

The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee regards SB 1414 as an important step forward in addressing the serious problem of sex trafficking. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 1414.**

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

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President SBWPC

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