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The Honorable James Ramos  
1021 O Street, Ste 8310  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Email: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/> (CA Legislature Position Letter Portal)

**RE: AB 285 Criminal Procedure: protective orders - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Ramos,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for bill # AB-285 addressing protective orders for domestic violence victims. 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 an understanding that survivors of sexual violence deserve to feel safe. We believe that the required issuance of a protective order of up to 180 days, at time of sentencing for a domestic violence crime, will provide peace and security for victims.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB-285 as an important step forward in closing the existing gap of protective orders in domestic violence cases. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of bill # AB-285.

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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