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March 7, 2025

The Honorable Senator Lena Gonzalez
1021 O Street, Suite 8610, Sacramento, CA 95814
CA Legislature Position Letter Portal <https://calegislature.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

RE: SB 48 – Safe Access to Schools – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Gonzalez,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for **SB 48 which restricts local educational agencies (LEA) and local law enforcement agencies from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement officers on or near school grounds.**

As one of the largest women’s political committees in Santa Barbara County, with hundreds of members, we promote inclusive, intersectional, progressive feminist values, including support for **educational equity**; all individuals have the right to a quality, accessible, equitable public education, and **compassionate immigration policies**. Immigrant communities should live free from harassment, intimidation, family separation, inhumane and/or unlawful detention, and discrimination, as well as receive equal protection and due process under the law.

We advocate for a safe and supportive learning environment for all students in the state, regardless of their immigration status. Preventing an LEA and staff from granting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers permission to access a school campus or provide information without a judicial warrant as well as establishing a one-mile perimeter around school sites would guarantee student access to schools without fear of deportation, harassment, or intimidation by ICE officers.

The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee views SB 48 as an important step in mitigating the federal administration’s vow to carry out “the largest deportation program in American history” and ensuring a safe learning environment for students. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 48.**

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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Cc: The Honorable Monique Limón email: Monique.Limon@sen.ca.gov