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March 25, 2023

The Honorable Ayanna Pressley 402 Cannon HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Email: Legislative Director Demarquin.Johnson@mail.house.gov

RE: HJ Res 80 (Pressley) Establishing the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment - SUPPORT

Dear Congressmember Pressley,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), we are writing to express support for HJ Res 80 to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, as we have done for several years. SBWPC is dedicated to furthering feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Clearly this resolution speaks directly to SBWPC's Vision Statement, which is "to achieve a society based upon the feminist values of social, political and economic gender equality". In addition, our position paper on the ERA reads:

Equal Rights (ERA & CEDAW)

Women are not explicitly accorded equal rights and protections in the United States Constitution. The United States is the only developed nation that has not ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979.

We demand the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and of CEDAW by the United States. (https://sbwpc.org/positions/)

SBWPC enthusiastically supports ratification the ERA ratification deadline and wishes to sign on as a supporter of HJ Res 80.

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,

Lisa Guravitz Elsa Granados
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Co-Presidents, SBWPC

Cc: Hon. Salud Carbajal; Legislative Director: Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov