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April 7, 2025

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Legislative Director: Jack.Rayburn@mail.house.gov

RE: HR 17 Paycheck Fairness Act– SUPPORT

Dear Congressman DeLauro,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to again express strong support for the 2025 version of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which as law would be a crucial step toward closing the gender wage gap. This bill is in conformity with SBWPC's mission to further gender equality and other feminist values. With hundreds of members, our organization is one of the most active and effective women's political committees in California. Among a diversity of positions, we advocate for "women of all races to have equal pay and protection in all aspects of employment."

<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would, among other things, restrict pay disparities to bona fide job-related factors and not factors such as salary history, strengthen safeguards for employees who discuss or disclose wage information and prohibit employers from requiring signing of contracts preventing such disclosure, and raise civil penalties for violations of equal pay provisions. SBWPC sees the Paycheck Fairness Act as essential to pay equity and gender equality for women.

For these reasons, the **Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee enthusiastically supports HR 17 and wishes to sign on as a supporter of this bill.**

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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