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**RE: S 988 (Baldwin) Women's Retirement Protection - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Baldwin,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S 988 addressing Women's Retirement Protection. 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 Women in the Workplace and an organization strategy that includes influencing legislation at all levels of policymaking.

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

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We are aware that women lag behind men in retirement readiness, and that HR 2023 would help to close that gap with several provisions. These include spousal consent for withdrawing or borrowing from a private sector 401(k) retirement account [consent is already required for federal 401(k) accounts]], requiring links to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau retirement resources in all offers for the sale of retirement plans, and assistance covering legal fees for some women who are pursuing the division of retirement plans in separation and divorce cases.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S 988 as an important step forward in addressing the well-researched gender pay gap which results in less money saved and smaller Social Security checks to sustain women in retirement. Therefore, **SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S 988 Women's Retirement Protection Act.**

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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