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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal
2346 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
Email: Legislative Director: Jennifer.Chan@mail.house.gov

RE: H.R. 2129 (Jayapal) No Round Up Act - SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Jayapal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 2129 No Round Up Act, addressing repeal of the Alien Registration Act of 1940. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values. With hundreds of members, SBWPC is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include immigration. We believe that "immigration policies must ensure that immigrant communities are free from harassment, intimidation, family separation, inhumane and/or unlawful detainment, and discrimination, as well as receiving equal protection and due process under the law." <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

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We support the No Round Up Act, with knowledge that the past use of the alien registration scheme facilitated one of the most shameful chapters of U.S. history, the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII. Locally in Santa Barbara, a now forgotten and once vibrant Japantown existed before WWII. The "round up" and incarceration of the Japanese community caused generational damage and suffering, with homes, businesses, and farms irreparably lost. Our community remembers.

The round up of the Japanese did not result in the discovery of espionage or in increased safety for American communities. We recognize that it betrayed our system of justice, which is based on due process, individualized suspicion, and presentation of evidence.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 2129 as an important step forward in protecting our communities and our system of justice.

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to be recognized as a supporter of bill H.R. 2129.

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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Co-Presidents, SBWPC

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