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The Honorable Celia Aguiar-Curry
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0004
Email: <https://calegislature.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/> (CA Legislature Position Letter Portal)

RE: AB 464 and AB 250 Prison Sexual Assault bills - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for bills AB 464 and AB 250 addressing sexual assault in prisons and related statute of limitation gaps. 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 assisting in creating a more sensitive and survivor-responsive criminal justice system.

We support rectifying the statute tolling period for inmates and wards to account for periods of incarceration, increasing monitoring of incarcerated individuals who are reporting sexual assault, and improving reporting requirements and anti-retaliation measures.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards bills AB 464 and AB 250 as important steps forward in addressing the abhorrent issue of sexual abuse by prison staff. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of bills AB 464 and AB 250.**

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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