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RE: H.R. 1826/S. 846 and HR 1827/S. 847 – Child Care Workforce Act/Child Care Availability and Affordability Act - SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Carbajal and Senator Britt,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), we are writing to express support for the package of companion bills H.R. 1826 and S 846 (Child Care Workforce Acts) and companion bills HR 1827 and S. 847 (Child Care Availability and Affordability Acts) that support the expansion of the employer-provided child care credit and the dependent care assistance exclusion. 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 the ability of families to have access to affordable, high-quality child care (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards these four bills as critical in supporting working families by increasing tax credit amounts, extending eligibility, and providing additional tax benefits for small businesses and families with dependent care expenses. In addition, we support strengthening programs that increase the supply of quality child care services through enhanced wages of child care workers as well as a pilot program to increase the supply of quality child care services by providing funding to States, Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations to implement or strengthen programs to supplement the wages of eligible child care workers. As a strong supporter of both child care options and women in the workplace, **SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 1826 and HR 1827 as well as S 846 and S 847.**

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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