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April 28, 2025

The Honorable María Elena Durazo
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Email: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/> (CA Legislature Position Letter Portal)

RE: SB 590 – Paid Family Leave: Eligibility: Care for Designated Persons- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Durazo,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 590 which would expand eligibility for benefits under the paid family leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill designated person. 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 supporting women in the workplace with access to family and medical leave regardless of family composition.

Women often shoulder caregiving responsibilities for loved ones who may not be legally or biologically related, and this bill ensures they have the flexibility and protection they need to balance work and caregiving. SB 590 recognizes the diverse realities of modern families and helps remove barriers that disproportionately impact women's economic security and career advancement.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 590 as an important step forward in advancing gender equity by ensuring all workers, regardless of family composition, have access to the family and medical leave protections they need to thrive in the workplace and at home.

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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