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April 29, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Arreguin
Suite 7520 State Capitol 1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Email: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

RE: SB 81 – Healthcare Provider Entities: Information Sharing - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Arreguin:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), we are writing to express support for SB 81 addressing access to healthcare facilities' nonpublic areas and protection of personal health information. 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 human and civil rights regarding safety, access to healthcare, and compassionate immigration policies.

We support health care as a universal right where one should feel safe and comfortable seeking the care they need. Our communities should do so without fear of deportation, harassment, or intimidation. SB 81 bill would require healthcare provider entities to prohibit immigration authorities from accessing a facilities' nonpublic area without a valid judicial warrant or court order.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 81 as an important step forward in ensuring that no state and local resources are used to assist federal immigration enforcement and that our schools, hospitals, and courthouses are safe spaces for everyone in the community. SB 54 required the Attorney General to prepare and publish guidance promoting safe and secure healthcare access for all in the state of California. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 81.**

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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Cc: The Honorable Monique Limón email: Monique.Limon@sen.ca.gov