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August 7, 2025

The Honorable Alex Padilla
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Email: Legislative Director: joshua_esquivel@padilla.senate.gov

RE: S 2212 – VISIBLE Act- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), we are writing to express support for S 2212 addressing Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values including the right to fair, equitable, and compassionate immigration policies. 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 policies that 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/>.

We agree with your July 8, 2025, comments in the Congressional Record that: "By requiring visible identification, the VISIBLE Act helps promote professionalism, improve accountability, and reduce the risk of mistaken identity or misuse of Federal authority. The bill's approach is narrow and balanced. It does not interfere with covert operations, criminal enforcement actions, or necessary officer protections. Instead, it simply ensures that during public-facing civil immigration enforcement actions, officers can be identified." The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S 2212 as an important step forward in fostering public trust and safety, particularly in communities heavily impacted by immigration enforcement. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S 2212.**

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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