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Re: Assembly Bill 3 (Bonta): Firearms: age restrictions - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Bonta,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 3, raising the minimum age to purchase long guns. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County, with over 400 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions (http://sbwpc.org/positions/) and we are also a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee strongly supports AB3 because this bill seeks to amend the California Penal Code to raise the minimum age for purchase of long guns from 18 to 21, the same as the age requirement for the purchase of handguns. This change in the Penal Code brings more consistency to the law and we believe will likely also reduce the number of crimes committed with long guns, as we recognize that the majority of crimes perpetrated with long guns in recent years have been by individuals under the age of 21.

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter for AB 3: Firearms: Age Restrictions.

Sincerely,

Coutheune J-Swyo-Catherine Swysen

President SBWPC

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