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April 25, 2018

Honorable Joel Anderson
State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Re: SB 1092 (Anderson) Firearms: Silencers

Dear Senator Anderson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express opposition to SB1092, which you have proposed, to remove prohibitions against silencers on guns in California. Even though your bill purports silencers to be used for hunting only, silencers make it easier for a gunman to kill innocent victims by muffling the sound and in fact have been used in that manner in recent years. Silencers also make it more difficult for law enforcement to pinpoint where the sound of gunfire is coming from, thus taking officers longer to arrive at a crime scene, detain the shooter(s), and protect others.

Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County, with over 400 members. We advocate a diverse set of positions, (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>) and we are a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence (SBCAGV). As part of our work with SBCAGV we support national organizations such as the Brady Campaign, which takes a leading role in urging state and national lawmakers to enact sensible gun regulations, and to reject provisions such as SB 1092, which detract from the safety of our society. The California Chapter of the Brady Campaign is taking an active role in preventing this bill from going forward, and SBWPC supports their efforts.

Therefore, The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee strongly *opposes* your Senate Bill 1092 Firearms: silencers.

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen,
President, SBWPC

- cc: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Email: Fernando.ramirez@sen.ca.gov
- cc: Assemblymember Monique Limon, Email: jimmy.wittrock@asm.ca.gov
- cc: Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence, attn. Toni Wellen, Email: sbcagv@gmail.com,
- cc: Brady Campaign, attn. Brendan Kelly, bkelly@bradymail.org

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