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**Re: AB 18 (Levine et al.) Firearms: excise tax - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymembers Levine, Bonta and Nazarian:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC) I am writing to express support for AB 18, which provides for imposition of an excise tax on the sale of handguns and semiautomatic rifles. The proceeds collected from this tax would be used to fund grants from the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (CalVIP program) which supports local community-based violence intervention and prevention efforts. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County, with over 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>), and we are a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee supports AB 18 because of the continuing need to develop new measures to reduce gun violence injuries and deaths in California. **Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 18.**

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin, President, SBWPC

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