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Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Chair
California Assembly Committee on Public Safety
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Re: SB 55 (Jackson) – Firearms: Prohibited Persons

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC) I am writing to express support for SB 55, placing firearm prohibitions on persons who have committed certain DUI crimes. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County, with well over 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of feminist positions (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>), and we are a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

Research shows that a history of alcohol abuse correlates with a substantially increased risk of acts of violence to oneself or others and firearm misuse. Research also shows that women are frequently the victims of firearm violence, particularly domestic violence. SB 55 puts a ten-year firearm prohibition on those with three convictions within a ten-year period for driving under the influence of alcohol or those with two convictions within a three-year period for possession of certain controlled substances for sale or vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee supports SB 55 because it is an important step in protecting women, children, and men from increased risk of firearm violence and would clearly have a positive impact on public safety. **Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee endorses SB 55 and urges you to vote in favor of passing this bill and sending it on to Governor Newsom.**

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martín, President, SBWPC

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