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Honorable Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: Anya.Shutovska@sen.ca.gov

RE: SENATE BILL 897 - Temporary Emergency Gun Violence Restraining Order - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB-897 addressing Temporary Emergency Gun Violence Restraining Orders. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include crimes against women <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>, and we are a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

We support SB 897 because crimes that throughout the course of history have been perpetrated against women, their children and men must be stopped. This measure, by requiring law enforcement officers to file a copy of a temporary emergency GVRO with the court no later than three days after issuance, ensures the court has sufficient time to set and give notice of the mandatory hearing within the 21-day period as required by law. We support intervention and education, training, risk reduction, and legislative measures addressing gun control.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB-897 as an important step forward in removing access to firearms or ammunition from an individual who is found to pose a significant risk to themselves or others, reducing the risk of harm they may cause as a result. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB-897.

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,

Luz Reyes-Martín
President SBWPC

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