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Re: AB 2617 OUT OF STATE GVRO ENFORCEMENT - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gabriel,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 2617 addressing gun violence restraining orders issued in other states. 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 (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>), and we are a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

SBWPC is aware that this bill will make it an offense to possess a firearm in California in violation of a protective order issued by another state, with violations resulting in a 5-year ban on purchasing or possessing firearms or ammunition. The bill will ensure that law enforcement files GVROs in a timely manner with local courts in order to file notice of the GVRO hearing with the restrained party. Our organization recognizes that it is imperative that such orders be enforced in California regardless of the state in which the GRVO was issued.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 2617 as an important step 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 AB 2617.

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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(Also sent via CA Legislative Portal: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>)

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