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RE: SB 805 Law Enforcement ID Impersonation Reform – SUPPORT

Dear Senators Pérez and Wiener,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing in support of **SB 805**, which would strengthen existing laws prohibiting credibly impersonating a peace officer, firefighter, or employee of a public utility, state or local government agency, or search and rescue team, and clarify that a peace officer, for these purposes, includes a federal law enforcement officer. We believe this measure is essential to promote transparency and accountability in law enforcement interactions with the public.

As one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County, we promote inclusive, intersectional, progressive feminist values, including support for **compassionate immigration policies**. We believe immigrant communities should live free from harassment, intimidation, family separation, inhumane and/or unlawful detainment, and discrimination, as well as receive equal protection and due process under the law.

With the current wave of immigration raids, officers masked and/or without visible personal or agency identification leads to a lack of transparency and intimidation. In some reported cases, civilians have used this opportunity to disguise themselves as law enforcement to commit serious crimes, including kidnapping and sexual assault.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee views SB 805 as a step in ensuring due process and boosting public safety. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 805.

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.

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