

Subject line: California SB 1081 -- Oppose.

March 26, 2024

Dear Members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

The Long Beach Area Peace Network categorically opposes the Selective Service Draft, and specifically opposes the idea that California should tie registration to the DMV as per SB1081. The federal bill targets males only and therefore do not meet California codified equality discriminatory laws.

Additionally, draft registration is not needed. There's no realistic scenario for a war the U.S. should be preparing to fight, in which there wouldn't be enough volunteers. The only reason for draft registration is to enable and prepare for a draft. There are Constitutional objections to a draft for undeclared wars, pacifist and anti-war objections to preparation and planning for war, and civil libertarian objections to any system of conscription.

There's no provision in Federal law or SB-1081 for conscientious objection to Selective Service registration.

Draft registration promotes the illusion that a draft is available as a "fallback", which leads to unrealistic mobilization planning and enables planning for endless, unlimited wars that people would not volunteer to fight.

We and our peace and justice community are counting on your vote to oppose SB 1081 when it comes to a full vote of the Transportation Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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