



Peace and Freedom Party of California

Legislative Committee

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June 22, 2024

Honorable Senator Bob Archuleta
1021 O Street, Suite 6620
Sacramento, CA 95815

Subject: SB 1081 (Archuleta) Driver's license, selective service OPPOSE

Dear Senator Archuleta:

The Peace and Freedom Party opposes SB 1081. Since our founding in 1967, the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) has been a voice for peace. It's in our very name. PFP has opposed every war since our founding and has been opposed to the use of the selective service system to implement the draft, AB 1081 facilitates preparation for war. Preparation for war makes it much easier to use military force, a more thinkable option to resolve international issues. While the bill's intent may be patriotic, the actual effect would be to further the notion that military force is a viable option in resolving international disputes, despite many decades of evidence to the contrary.

To quote from the Legislative Council's analysis of the intent of this bill, "This bill would require a person who is required to be registered under the federal act and who applies for a driver's license, identification card, or renewal to be deemed to have consented to registration with the United States Selective Service System..." The bill does contain an admonition that refusal to register with the Selective Service cannot result in a denial of driving privileges. However, since the main focus of this bill is a requirement to register for the military draft, this weak opt-out option will be poorly communicated if it's even mentioned.

Registration for a driver's license or ID card should not include a requirement to register for a military draft, and the California Department of Motor Vehicles should not be turned into an arm of the Selective Service.

Therefore, the Peace and Freedom Party opposes SB 1081. To discuss our position on this bill please email John at reigers@earthlink.net

Sincerely,

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