FLOOR ALERT:
NO on SB 1081 (ARCHULETA)

Do not entangle the CA DMV in a costly and irrelevant federal function

- **Due Process and Freedom of Religion Concerns:** SB 1081 proposes that those who do not accept the automatic registration may proceed to sign the driver’s license form and indicate that “the applicant declines to consent by checking the “Don’t Register” box on the application.” However, our organizations have great concern that checking such a box could be considered “self-incrimination,” as it is “knowing and willful” nonregistration that can be grounds for civil penalties or federal prosecution, and knowing and willful nonregistration is what checking such a box could demonstrate. For those people who have sincere religious objections to registering for the draft, this bill would force them to violate their conscience or sign a confession of a crime to get a driver’s license.

- **SB 1081 asks the CA DMV to do the work of a federal agency** enforcing the Military Selective Service Act. Gov. Brown vetoed a similar bill in 2015, “In view of the relatively easy ways that young men can register for the U.S. Selective Service System such as registering online, at their high school, or at a local post office, I don't think this new responsibility for the Department of Motor Vehicles is advisable.”

- **SB 1081 would have minors, 16- and 17-year-olds, enter a binding contract** deemed to have agreed to automatic registration for the draft by placing their signature on a driver’s license application, which they have filled out for a completely unrelated purpose.

- **Consequences for those who update gender identity markers:** California allows individuals to self-select among male, female and "x" categories on a driver's license, only those individuals who were assigned male at birth are required or allowed to be registered with the SSS.

- **Consequences for Immigrants:** some non-US citizens are required to register with the SSS, while others including foreign students and H-1 visa holders are not. The DMV would be required to investigate immigration and visa status to accurately register only those required to register with the SSS.

- **Significant costs:** Registration for a military draft is irrelevant to the purpose of driver’s licenses: road safety. Ongoing funding for this program would require diversion of money from the general fund that could better be spent on other programs. It is inappropriate and unnecessary to devote scarce state resources to carry out a federal function.

SB1081 is opposed by: ACLU California Action, Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California, California Immigrant Policy Center, Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft, Friends Committee on Legislation of California, Military Law Task Force of The National Lawyers Guild, Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Peninsula Peace and Justice Center, Santa Barbara Friends Meeting, Southern California Quarterly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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