



March 5, 2024

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris  
California State Assemblymember, 73<sup>rd</sup> District  
P.O. Box 942849  
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**Re: AB 2096 (Petrie-Norris) - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris:

The Consumer Protection Policy Center (CPPC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, academic center of research, teaching, learning and advocacy in regulatory and public interest law based at the University of San Diego School of Law. CPPC supports AB 2096, which will expand the use of School Violence Restraining Orders to prevent gun violence.

School Violence Restraining Orders were established due to a situation at a private, postsecondary institution where, although a student had made threats of violence, a general restraining order to protect everyone on campus was unavailable because restraining orders are generally limited to protecting specific, named individuals.

This restraining order prohibits restrained parties from having firearms and ammunition while the order is in place and can include the threatened student's family and household members as protected parties.

Unfortunately, this remedy is currently limited to private, postsecondary universities, and thus not currently available for campuses and students as a whole at public postsecondary institutions.

AB 2096 helps protect all students at public postsecondary institutions by allowing the appropriate administrator to seek a civil, firearm, and ammunition-prohibiting restraining order from those who have made credible threats of harm. This will increase safety, reduce dangerous situations, and ultimately make our schools safer.

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For the above reasons, CPPC supports AB 2096. Thank you for your continued leadership in shaping gun prevention policies.

Sincerely,

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