



PREVENTING VIOLENCE  
AND DEVELOPING  
YOUTH LEADERS

March 4, 2016

The Honorable Loni Hancock  
Chair, Senate Cmte. on Public Safety  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1446 (Hancock): Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines Ban – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hancock:

On behalf of Youth ALIVE! I am writing to express support for SB 1446. Youth ALIVE! is a violence prevention and intervention organization that helps young people become leaders and advocates for the change they would like to see in their communities through our Teens on Target Program, mentors and supports healing for young people who have been violently injured through our Caught in the Crossfire program, and works with families grieving in the wake of a homicide through our Khadafy Washington Project.

A national leader in youth violence prevention and federal technical assistance provider for hospitals and communities seeking to reduce gun injuries, we support SB 1446 which would prohibit the possession of large capacity magazines and increase public safety.

Large capacity magazines allow for a shooter to rapidly fire without reloading. A large capacity magazine is defined as a magazine that holds over 10 rounds. Some large capacity magazines can even hold over 100 rounds of ammunition. Large capacity magazines are not designed for hunting or target shooting. These magazines are military designed devices created only to allow a shooter to fire a large number of bullets in a short period of time. Currently, California prohibits the importation, manufacture and sale of large capacity ammunition magazines. However, possession of such a magazine is not prohibited.

SB 1446 would stop the possession of large capacity magazines. These magazines are, by their design, only used so that shooters can fire a large amount of bullets before having to reload and do not belong on California's streets. By banning these military style magazines, this bill will help increase public safety throughout California.

Youth ALIVE!'s work is steeped in the aftermath experienced by people injured by guns and those left to grieve after homicides. We know the damage gun violence can do to people and their communities and we are always searching out ways to prevent that violence from happening, or from happening again. Youth ALIVE! supports Senator Hancock's efforts to ban the possession of high capacity magazines. We believe that SB 1446 is a necessary step in reducing gun violence and increasing public safety.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of and Consultants to the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
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