



Peace and Freedom Party of California

Legislative Committee

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January 25, 2021

Honorable Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager
State Capitol, Room 4015
Sacramento, CA 94249-0054

Subject: AB 118 (Kamlager) SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Kamlager:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to support AB 118.

This bill would enact the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act Grant Pilot Program and upon appropriation by the Legislature, establishes the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Program Fund in the State Treasury to be used in support of the program with the goal of making grants to community organizations for the purpose of expanding the participation of community organizations in emergency response for specified vulnerable populations. The programs would use the grants to stimulate and support non-police involvement in emergency response activities that do not require a law enforcement officer.

Our support is based on our experiences that crisis situations do not necessarily require the use of police officers, and that their presence often complicates a situation. Many individual, neighborhood and community crises can be effectively resolved without law enforcement personnel. We are concerned that the grants are conditional.

For these reasons we critically support AB 118. To discuss our position on this bill further, please contact our Legislative Liaison, C. T. Weber at (916) 422-5395 (message) or CTWeberVoters@att.net or our Legislative Committee Chair, John Reiger, at (916) 456-4595 or reigers@earthlink.net.

Sincerely,

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