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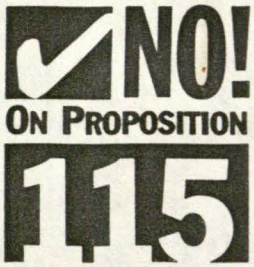

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Mr. John Sweeten
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Re: Proposition 115

Dear Mr. Sweeten:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Alberta Diaz, aide to Supervisor Golding, concerning Proposition 115 which will be on the May 8, 1990 agenda of the Board of Supervisors.

I am President of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice which is the state's largest group of criminal defense lawyers. CACJ is one of many organizations sponsoring Californians for Privacy which opposes Proposition 115. Enclosed please find a partial list of the groups actively working to defeat this initiative.

In addition to these state-wide groups and local criminal defense organizations, the San Diego Lawyers Club and the San Diego Trial Lawyers Association are opposed to Proposition 115.

On February 17, I sent a letter to all members of the Board outlining some of the objections to Proposition 115. Enclosed is a copy of that correspondence.

I understand that the Board appointed a committee to study the impact of the initiative on the county and the administration of justice. I have regularly been providing Elliot Lande, Director of the Office of Alternate Defense Counsel and a member of the committee, with materials concerning the initiative. Among the documents I have given him are the declarations of various public defenders, including San Diego's Frank Bardsley, regarding the enormous costs of this proposition. Also included was San Francisco State University Economics Department Chair Dr. Daniel Vencill's study of the $550 million price tag the initiative carries. If you do not have copies of the declarations and this study, please let me know and I will see that they are delivered to you immediately.

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Since my February 17 letter, Judge James Ford of the Sacramento Superior Court has had the opportunity to consider some of the more dramatic consequences to our court system which will come about if Proposition 115 passes. I have provided Mr. Lande with a partial transcript of the hearing before Judge Jones. I am enclosing a copy of some of the judge's comments which indicate his belief that the initiative will 1) criminalize abortion in California and 2) ultimatly shut down the civil courts.

On the assumption that you have received considerable materials on 115 I am enclosing only the following additional items;

1. Los Angeles Times Editorial (1/1/90);

2. Sacramento Bee Editorial (3/13/90);

3. Analysis of the Southern California Women's Law Center;

4. Op Ed column of Dean Gerald Uelmen (3/19/90).

I wish to ensure that a spokesperson from Californians for Privacy will have an opportunity to address the Board on May 8. Additionally, if I can be of further assistance to your committee by speaking directly with you or providing additional materials, I would be pleased to do so.

Very truly yours,

Elisabeth Semel

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