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To: Members of the Assembly

From: National Association of Women Business Owners – CA (NAWBO-CA)

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RE: SB 1047 (Wiener) Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier AI Intelligence Models Act - NAWBO-CA Urges Your NO Vote

On behalf of the National Association of Women Business Owners CA Chapter (NAWBO-CA) who represents the interests of over 1.4 million women-owned businesses in this state, **We respectfully urge your NO Vote on SB 1047 (Wiener)** when this bill is presented on the Assembly Floor.

Senate Bill 1047 (Wiener) would put women business owners who use AI at risk of not complying with requirements to certify that *AI cannot cause “unreasonable” risk of critical harm for issues that are out of their control*. Our concern is that “unreasonable” is not defined and this could lead to many interpretations of what are reasonable and unreasonable industry practices.

This is a departure from other approaches that are developing standards and working toward getting the entire AI industry to comply with best industry practices. This bill would establish and enforce large penalties on the AI users and developers before the industry’s Best Practices have been developed, thereby imposing liabilities on the users that haven’t been developed yet. Once Best Practices for the AI industry have been developed, then it would be the appropriate time for the Legislature to discuss the penalty levels for those who are non-compliant.

As the governance of AI continues to take shape in the U.S. and around the globe, our lawmakers must consider its benefits to women business owners. AI is emerging as a powerful tool to level the playing field for women entrepreneurs. NAWBO-CA’s members believe that it’s no longer a matter of whether they will use AI, but how they will use it. As Best Practices are developed, we must ensure that women business owners can continue to utilize AI for their businesses without fear of damaging penalties for ground rules yet to be established.

For these reasons, NAWBO-CA respectfully requests your NO Vote when SB 1047 (Wiener) is presented to you on the Assembly Floor. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact me or our NAWBO-CA Legislative Advisor Lori Kammerer, Kammerer & Company, at 916.716.5674 or at LoriKammerer@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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