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Honorable Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: H.R.38 (Hudson) Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 - OPPOSE

Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee strongly opposes H.R. 38, which has passed into the Senate. The bill seeks to amend the federal criminal code to allow residents of states that allow "concealed carry" weapons to take guns across state lines to other states if they have a federal license to carry the guns, if they have a concealed carry permit in their home state, or if they are qualified to have a permit. These allowances apply even without the person having to qualify in the second state. Also, the bill would allow individuals to carry the guns in school zones and on federally owned public lands.

This bill allows more guns to cross state lines without giving the opportunity for the receiving state to regulate or screen gun ownership. It essentially forces the receiving state to accept and condone the determinations of concealed carry states. It also operates to increase the proliferation of guns throughout the U.S.

Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee is opposed to this bill as infringing on a state's right to protect and regulate its own citizens, and as improving public safety. It is not conducive to current efforts for better gun regulation in California nor to the nation as a whole.

We urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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