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Honorable Anthony Brown
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RE: HR 2670 (Brown) Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act - **SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Brown,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 2670 addressing victims of domestic violence and stalking. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with over 400 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Crimes Against Women.

We support this bill to amend Title 18, United States Code, "to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes." (HR 2670 text). We are aware that "women and girls are the primary victims of domestic and sexual violence; however, these crimes are perpetrated against men and boys too." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 2670 as an important step forward in our "... support [of] legislation which clarifies and broadens the definitions of [these] crimes," particularly where firearms are concerned. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill and urges its passage in the U.S. House of Representatives and ultimately into law.

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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