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Honorable Diane Feinstein 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S 1916 – (Feinstein) Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S 1916 addressing Automatic Gunfire Prevention. 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 (<u>http://sbwpc.org/positions/</u>).

SBWPC has been a long-time partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence (SBCAGV), we strongly agree with SBCAGV principles, which state, in part:

Freedom from fear is a basic human right. People of all races, classes, ages, and sexual orientation and in all communities have the right to be free from gun violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and on the streets. Gun violence must be addressed as a health, safety, social, and economic problem. It costs our nation thousands of lives and billions of dollars every year. (http://sbcoalition.org).

The recent massacre in Las Vegas, among many other gun attacks against innocent people, have made the lack of sensible gun control measures in the United States increasingly disturbing and unacceptable. Therefore, The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S 1916 as an important step forward in protecting the lives and wellbeing of all Americans. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill.

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

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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