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Honorable Richard Blumenthal
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

RE: S. 1923 – (Blumenthal) Background Check Completion Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Blumenthal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S. 1923 addressing background check completion for purchasing firearms. 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 (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

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>)

Myriad gun attacks against innocent people have made the lack of sensible gun control measures in the United States increasingly disturbing and unacceptable. S. 1923 will close a loophole that allows gun sales to proceed if a background check is not completed after 72 hours, even if the gun buyer is not legally allowed to purchase a gun. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S. 1923 as an important step forward in protecting the lives and well-being of all Americans by requiring that background checks be completed before guns are sold. **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 info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

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