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November 22, 2017

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

RE: S 2095 – (Feinstein) Assault Weapons Ban of 2017 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S 2095 Assault Weapons Ban of 2017. 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 Coalition Against Gun Violence (CAGV). We strongly agree with CAGV 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 non-reauthorization of original ban of 2004, led by the NRA, was a regrettable action. SBWPC agrees that "removing these [assault] weapons of war from our streets" (Feinstein press release 11/8) is essential, and that, although it will take time, the process must start immediately. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S 2095 as an important step forward in protecting the lives and well-being of all Americans. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S 2095.**

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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