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Hon. Mike Thompson
231 Cannon Office Bldg.
Washington D.C. 20515
Email: vance.bryce@mail.house.gov

Re: H.R. 4240 (Thompson) Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act of 2017-SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Thompson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC) I am writing to express support for H.R.4240, expanding Brady background checks and strengthening the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). 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 (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>), and we are a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee supports H.R.4240 because it adds sensible and needed language to Title 18 U.S. Criminal Code to prohibit commercial transfer of firearms at a gun show or event, or from an ad posting the sale on the internet or in a publication. SBWPC understands that there are exceptions to the transfer rule for family members, for transfers within a state between unlicensed individuals who are abiding by state laws that are comparable to federal law, and for transfers from a licensed dealer to someone with a valid permit to own a gun within the previous five years.

SBWPC also supports the bill's language which strengthens the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by giving incentives to states and tribes to report prohibited individuals as well as to improve record sharing systems. We support the authorization of \$100,000,000 annually from 2018 to 2021 to fund grants to the states and tribes to improve automation and transmittal of records of mental health, criminal history and domestic violence into state and federal repositories.

Based on the improved rules cited above, and on our strong position in favor of long-needed sensible gun regulations, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R. 4240.

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen
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