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Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: HR 1236 (Carbajal) - Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019 - SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Nadler,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 1236, which supports State, Tribal, and local efforts to remove access to firearms from individuals who are a danger to themselves or others pursuant to court orders for this purpose. SBWPC is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with well over 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include commitment to ending Crimes Against Women, such as domestic violence (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>). Along this vein, SBWPC is also a partner with the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

The SBWPC position paper on Crimes Against Women outlines our commitment to ending violent crimes against women, including domestic violence. Guns are very prevalent in domestic violence in the US. In the last 25 years, more intimate partner homicides in the US have been committed with guns than with all other weapons combined.<sup>i</sup> The SBWPC fully supports extreme risk protection orders issued by a State or Tribal court that would provide women (and men) with an opportunity to temporarily have guns removed from the custody of dangerous and threatening family members.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 1236 as an important step forward in reducing the risk of firearm-related death or injury and thus decreasing domestic violence against women. **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](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martín, President SBWPC

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<sup>i</sup>Professor April M. Zeoli, Letter to the Hon. Patrick J. Leahy and Charles Grassley, Jan. 28, 2013.

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