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March 11, 2021

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
268 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Email: adam.durand@mail.house.gov

**RE: HR 8 - Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021 - SUPPORT**

Dear Representative Thompson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 8 addressing the need for enhanced background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties. As a member of the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence, SBWPC believes that the easy availability of handguns, assault weapons, and ammunition need to be addressed through legislation such as this bill. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include a belief that all people, regardless of race, class, age, and sexual orientation and in all communities have the right to be free from gun violence. (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>)

We are aware that studies have shown that approximately one out of five guns is sold in an unregulated transaction and that background checks have the potential to reduce crime. Because of this, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 8 as an important step forward in ensuring that all Americans, regardless of the state in which they reside, will experience safer communities by keeping firearms out of the possession of prohibited purchasers. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 8.**

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,

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President SBWPC

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