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The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
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Email: [Brandon.Hernandez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.Hernandez@mail.house.gov)

**Re: HR 1446 (Clyburn) - Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021- SUPPORT**

Dear Representative Clyburn,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR1446, addressing the need for enhanced background check requirements for firearms transfers from a federal licensee (e.g., a licensed gun dealer) to an unlicensed person. As a member of the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence, SBWPC believes that the easy availability of firearms must be addressed through legislation incorporating 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 in all communities have the right to be free from gun violence. (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We have noted that denial determinations for gun background checks involving misdemeanor domestic violence records consistently take longer than checks involving other prohibiting records. In 2017, 23% of the U.S. cases in which a gun was transferred to a prohibited purchaser through a default proceed transaction involved someone prohibited due to a misdemeanor conviction of domestic violence or a domestic violence restraining order. The **Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021 (HR 1446)** would guarantee that the background check system has additional time to make a final determination on a potential firearms purchaser before a licensed dealer can transfer a gun. It would do this while protecting the ability of lawful citizens to obtain timely gun transaction determinations. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards this legislation as an important step forward in ensuring that all Americans will experience safer communities by keeping firearms out of the possession of prohibited purchasers. **Therefore, SBWPC would like to sign on as a supporter of HR 1446.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. If you would like 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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