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### RE: S 1819 (Feinstein) - Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2021 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S 1819, 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. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>)  
The SBWPC position paper on Crimes Against Women states our commitment to ending these violent crimes, 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.

As we did during the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, SBWPC continues to fully support the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress because it would provide a much-needed tool to allow family members or law enforcement officials to petition a judge to temporarily disarm an individual in crisis if they pose a threat to themselves or others, and also establishes a new grant program to encourage states to adopt these "red flag" laws.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S 1819 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

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