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The Honorable David Cicilline
2233 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3901
Email: laron.Bizner@mail.house.gov Legislative Director

RE: HR 698 Assault Weapons Ban - SUPPORT

Dear Representative David Cicilline,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 698 addressing banning assault weapons. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values. As one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with hundreds of members, we advocate for a diverse set of positions which include addressing gun violence as a health, safety, social, and economic problem. It costs our nation thousands of lives and billions of dollars every year.

We support a ban on assault weapons which have no place in our communities. Mass shootings have become unbearably commonplace, often targeting innocent women and children. During the recent 10-year ban on assault weapons, we experienced an overall reduction in gun violence. Since the ban expired, we have experienced a dramatic increase in mass shootings.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 698 as an important step forward in solving the serious social threat of gun violence. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 698.**

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 or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Paula Lopez
President SBWPC

CC: Rep. Salud Carbajal, Legislative Director Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov