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The Honorable Diane Feinstein
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RE: S 247 (Feinstein) Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S 247 addressing expansion of the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2022, which SBWPC also supported. 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 includes reasonable and sensible gun legislation. <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

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We understand that The Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion Act would allow States to use Federal funds to develop red flag laws, thus helping States to respond to situations where a dangerous person should not have access to a gun.

The Justice Department's existing Byrne-JAG Program allows States to apply for Federal grants to create Extreme Risk Protection laws, aka "red flag" laws. Although Byrne-JAG was an important first step, the Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion Act is necessary to ensure specific dedicated funding for the development and implementation of critical red-flag laws that can help save lives.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S 247 as an important step forward in protection from the threat of dangerous persons who should not have guns. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S 247.**

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 Ochoa

President SBWPC

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