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The Honorable Diane Feinstein
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RE: S. 14 Age 21 Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), we first wish to thank you for your admirable service as a U.S. Senator, and for your longstanding support for sensible gun laws in our nation.

I also am writing today to express support for S. 14 addressing the age at which an individual may purchase an assault rifle. 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 have long advocated for reasonable gun laws to prevent gun violence. <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We are aware that under current federal law, an individual is required to be at least 21 years old to legally purchase a handgun but only 18 years of age to legally purchase an assault rifle such as an AR-15. This is a dangerous and absurd lack of parity in federal firearms law.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S.14 as an important step forward in creating parity by prohibiting the sale of assault weapons to individuals under age 21.

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S. 14 Age 21 Act.

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

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President SBWPC

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