



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Kathrin Sears
3RD DISTRICT

Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Kamala Harris
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
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VICE PRESIDENT
Katie Rice
2ND DISTRICT

Re: H.R. 8 - Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 - and H.R. 1112 - Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019 - SUPPORT

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Dennis Rodoni
4TH DISTRICT

Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Harris:

Damon Connolly
1ST DISTRICT

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for both H.R. 8 - the "Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019" and H.R. 1112 - the "Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019." Passed by the House of Representatives earlier this year, these bills would 1) require a background check prior to the purchase of any firearm in the U.S.; 2) with limited exceptions, strengthen background check procedures when transferring firearms to a private individual; and 3) extend the background check review period from three to ten days.

Judy Arnold
5TH DISTRICT

Given the most recent tragic events and loss of life in California, Ohio and Texas, it is well past time for the Senate to act in supporting these important bills supported by a majority of the public. We thank you both for your efforts on this issue, and we urge your continued efforts to convince the Senate Majority Leader to bring these bills to a vote.

Matthew H. Hymel
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

H.R. 8 would require that loans, gifts and sales of firearms be processed by a gun store with the same requirements as for new firearms – with carefully defined exceptions for gifts to family members, hunting, target shooting, and self-defense. Federal law already requires licensed gun dealers to conduct background checks on gun purchasers and transferees. H.R. 8 would require unlicensed gun sellers to utilize this same system by requiring them to sell or transfer firearms only through licensed dealers.

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H.R. 1112 would extend the review period for background checks on firearm purchases from three to ten business days. Lawful citizens could request expedited review of their background checks after ten days to spur FBI review completion. Under current law, if a check is not finalized within three business days, the transaction can automatically proceed. Because of this loophole, prohibited purchasers are much more likely to be allowed firearm purchase.

Again, we thank you both for your efforts - and urge your continued efforts to convince the Senate Majority Leader to bring these bills to a vote. The Marin County Board of Supervisors supports the passage of both H.R. 8 and H.R. 1112 so that no future lives are lost by mass shooters who should not have been allowed to purchase firearms.

Sincerely,

Kathrin Sears
President, Marin County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Honorable Congressman Jared Huffman