



January 29, 2013

The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
One Post Street, Suite 2450  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Subject: SUPPORT – Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013

Dear Senator Feinstein:

We have shared in the sorrow of yet another senseless mass shooting tragedy in our great Nation, this time of elementary school children and their teachers in Newtown, Connecticut. We have witnessed too many of these tragedies and wish to see more meaningful steps taken to prevent and reduce this type of gun violence.

We have learned that you have introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate, the Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013, that is intended to focus attention on some important and meaningful steps to take actions to reduce the violence resulting from the sale, transfer, importation, and manufacture of assault weapons.

On behalf of the Santa Rosa City Council, we wish to provide our support for the principles outlined in your bill that would address some of the following concerns:

- Ban the sale, transfer, importation, or manufacturing of certain semiautomatic rifles and handguns with high volume ammunition magazines;
- Strengthen the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban and various State bans by closing loopholes in existing laws;
- Protect legitimate hunters and the rights of existing gun owners with certain provisions for grandfathering legal weapons and exempting specific hunting/sporting weapons and antique weapons;
- Require certain weapons be registered under the National Firearms Act that provides for important background check and certification requirements;
- Establish voluntary buy-back programs for specific assault type weapons and ammunition;
- Impose safe storage requirements for these weapons and ammunition; and
- Require certain assault weapons and ammunition manufactured after this bill to be engraved with identification and date of manufacture to improve enforcement.

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As your bill will impact local law enforcement, I encourage you to identify and provide resources to assist local law enforcement in further supporting your bill. We appreciate greatly your leadership to address this important issue and wish to lend our support to your bill to help reduce similar tragedies in the future.

Sincerely,

SCOTT P. BARTLEY  
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c: United States Senator Barbara Boxer  
United States Representative, Mike Thompson  
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