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May 15, 2023

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 2403, Enhanced Background Checks Act – SUPPORT

Dear Congresswoman Lofgren:

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for the Enhanced Background Checks Act (H.R. 2403).

The Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2023 (H.R. 2403), introduced by House Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn (D-SC), would close the so-called 'Charleston Loophole,' which allows some gun sales to go through before background checks are completed. The shooter at the AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina was prohibited by law from possessing a firearm due to his criminal history, but was able to acquire a gun before the FBI could complete his background check. Under that loophole, a shooter was able to purchase a firearm in 2015 which he then used to murder nine people at the AME Church.

We appreciate your support for the County of Monterey, and we thank you for cosponsoring H.R. 2403, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2023.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Jimmy Panetta, 19th Congressional District