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

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
200 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 3868 – Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025 – Support

Dear Representative Panetta and Representative Lofgren:

On behalf of Monterey County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 3868, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025. This important bill would strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee could transfer a firearm to someone who is not federally licensed.

The Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025 (H.R. 3868), introduced by Rep. 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 of Monterey County, and we thank you both for cosponsoring H.R. 3868, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chris M. Lopez, Chair
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cc: The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator for California
The Honorable Adam Schiff, U.S. Senator for California



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