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October 26, 2017

Hon. Richard Blumenthal,  
United States Senate  
706 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20510

**RE: S. 1939 - Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act --  
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blumenthal,

I am writing on behalf of the City of West Hollywood to convey the City's support of your bill S. 1939 the "Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act", which will repeal the current federal immunity from liability for gun manufacturers.

At this moment of ever increasing mass shootings, repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act is overdue. This federal law shields gun-industry officials who may not have taken the necessary precautions to ensure that guns stay out of the hands of people who should not have them.

The City of West Hollywood has, since its incorporation in 1984, advocated for increased regulation of guns and ammunition. The City of West Hollywood was the first city in California, in 1995, to ban the sales of small, cheap handguns known as Saturday Night Specials. In addition, the City Council actively supports federal and state initiatives to address gun violence in our community and in the country.

S. 1939 is consistent with the City's values, adopted policies and legislative priorities. Thank you for your leadership and efforts to hold everyone accountable for the public's safety.

Respectfully,  


John Heilman,  
**MAYOR**

C: Hon. Dianne Feinstein, D, California  
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