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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of SB 61 (Portantino)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Senate Bill 61, which places new limitations on the purchase of firearms.

The limitations on purchasing firearms in this bill will provide very little, if any, public safety benefit. An individual intent on committing a crime or committing suicide does not need ten, five, or even two guns to achieve that goal. Essentially, this would also only apply to individuals who purchase firearms legally through a licensed dealer, thereby requiring a background check, a 10-day wait to receive the firearm, and a permanent ownership record with the Department of Justice. It will not deter or apply any limit to individuals who purchase or transfer firearms illegally.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader