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

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 893 (Gloria)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 893, which prohibits a contract or authorization permitting the sale of firearms or ammunition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in San Diego County beginning January 1, 2021.

This bill moves down the path of banning otherwise legal activities on state fairgrounds because a particular group or community "feels" the activity is "morally objectionable." Not only is this a bad precedent for free expression but it could have a dramatic effect on the actual operation of these districts, many of which are facing financial hardships. If we are willing to ban this activity should we also consider banning soda sales, cannabis events, conventions for "adult" materials, or perhaps even public speaking events? Quite simply, there is no compelling reason to pass legislation preventing any type of legal activity at this fairground or any other state owned property.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader