



February 8, 2010

The Honorable Tom Ammiano
State Capitol
Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for AB 1663

Dear Assembly Member Ammiano:

As the Sheriff-Coroner of Riverside County, I am writing in support to AB 1663. This bill would repeal the ammunition regulations recently put into place by the passage of AB 962. This newly enacted law requires that all ammunition vendors obtain a thumbprint and other identifying information from persons who purchase handgun ammunition, prohibits mail-order ammunition sales, and requires vendors to keep ammunition away from customers.

I support the passage of AB 1663 for the same reasons I opposed AB 962. The passage of AB 962 imposed unreasonable regulations which negatively affect the ability of law-abiding citizens to obtain ammunition for the handguns which they legally possess. There are some who believe these new restrictions will stop the sale of handgun ammunition to criminals. It has been my experience that criminals routinely find ways to circumvent the law. Whether the criminals utilize a false identity to purchase ammunition, persuade a person without a criminal record to purchase the ammunition for them, steal it, or purchase the ammunition from out of state, criminals will not be deterred. It is the honest, law abiding citizens who will be hurt under these new restrictions.

This newly enacted law, through AB 962, will not stop criminals from acquiring ammunition and will not provide a meaningful means to assist law enforcement in catching criminals. All AB 962 did was to create a massive record keeping system, cost millions of taxpayer's dollars, inhibit the legal sale of handgun ammunition, and made it burdensome for law-abiding citizens to exercise their rights.

For these reasons, I support AB 1663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley Sniff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stanley Sniff
Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner

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