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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requested Veto of AB 7 (Gipson)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 7 (Gipson) that would ban the ability of residents of unincorporated areas of the State of California to openly carry rifles and shotguns.

The 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the rights of our citizens to keep and bear arms. While it is understandable that we do not want people roaming the streets fully armed and ready for combat, AB 7 clearly appears to be a "solution" in search of a "problem". Perhaps the proponents of this legislation are aware of issues arising from people carrying rifles or shotguns in public, but my conversations with law enforcement have convinced me that this is not a common occurrence.

It is noteworthy that 45 states allow "open-carry" of a loaded firearm and 30 of those states do not even require a permit. Further, there are already laws that make it a crime to brandish a weapon with the intent to intimidate or threaten an individual, so this bill truly is unnecessary.

My hope is that you will veto AB 7 in order to protect the rights of gun owners who pose no threat to public safety. Your veto would send a message that the 2nd Amendment is valued in California, and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone
State Senator, 28th District