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September 20, 2017

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

RE: Requested Veto of SB 464 (Hill)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto SB 464. This bill would impose a number of overly strict mandates on owners of stores that sell firearms in the state. Requiring a gun store to place their items in a safe or to install heightened security measures to stop thieves may seem common sense, but the bill is nothing more than a costly imposition on lawful business owners that will have no direct impact on public safety.

First, this bill makes an assumption that business owners are asking for their inventory to be stolen and their businesses to be vandalized, which is clearly not true.

Second, data from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) show that while 70,000 firearms have been lost or stolen in California since 2011, only a fraction of them were stolen from gun stores (797 representing about 1%). In fact, recent reports have shown that a firearm in the hands of law enforcement officers and agencies are more likely to come up missing than those in the possession of licensed firearms dealers.

Third, it makes no sense to pass onerous requirements on gun owners, and not require the same for other types of lawful businesses that sell harmful products like cigarettes, marijuana, pharmaceuticals, or highly flammable substances.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you veto SB 464.

Sincerely,

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

Jeff Stone
State Senator, 28th District