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Support for Firearm State Legislation

Time and time again, we are heartbroken by the news of another mass shooting. Part of healing communities and families must be the conviction that we will do everything in our power to keep these tragedies from happening in a nation that continues to face a pandemic of gun violence. It's not only the high-profile mass shootings that we must work to prevent, but also the daily death-by-guns that claim more than 30,000 lives every year. These deaths can be prevented by investing in prevention-based approaches. California State leaders are focused on drawing from evidence-based practices to decrease the risk of gun violence in the wake of recent mass shootings that took the lives of 19 Californians within 72 hours.

The California Legislature has introduced several bills to address firearm regulation, protections and to provide additional supports. Senate Bill 2 introduced by Senator Anthony Portantino seeks to strengthen California's public carry law restrictions by enhancing the existing licensing system, setting a minimum age requirement of 21 years of age to obtain a Concealed Carry Weapon license, and advancing stronger training requirements. In addition, Senate Bill 241 introduced by Senator Dave Min would require a licensee and any employees that handle firearms to annually complete specified training. The bill would require the Department of Justice to develop and implement an online training course, including a testing certification component.

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These bills are aimed at better protecting communities from implicit and perceived threats of gun violence, as well as improving a sense of safety and belonging for Californians. It is important that we lend our support to sensible gun laws that will reduce easy access to dangerous weapons, while better ensuring proper handling, loading, unloading, and storage of firearms. Last year Governor Newsom signed a package of gun safety laws, making it easier for Californians to sue manufacturers of illegal assault weapons and those spreading them, allowing lawsuits against irresponsible gun industry members, strengthening prohibitions on ghost guns, as well as restricting marketing to minors. Sadly, more work is needed to combat the reoccurring issue of gun violence in our communities and the firearm legislation introduced this year further establishes a culture of gun safety.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch to support Senate Bill 2 Firearms, and Senate Bill 241 Firearms: dealer requirements; and authorize the County's Sacramento advocates to take the appropriate legislative advocacy actions to advance this effort.

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