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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

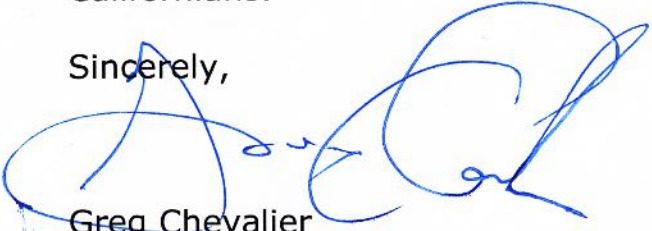
As the Executive Secretary of the National Reloading Manufacturers Association (NRMA), I want to voice the opposition of this trade organization to SB 357 - Bullet Serialization (Dunn). The NRMA consists of American companies which manufacturer reloading components (powder, bullets and cartridge brass) and reloading tools--the vast majority of which are used by recreational shooters and hunters for sporting purposes. The proposed legislation would greatly impact every one of our member companies negatively if enacted, while at the same time will not help aid law enforcement to reduce or solve crime. Instead, it only further burdens law-abiding gun owners and the millions of Californians who participate in the shooting sports and in the hobby of reloading.

Criminals are not likely to obtain their ammunition by walking into a gun store and providing their driver's license--nor will they take the time to learn safe handloading procedures, obtain the necessary equipment and then load each round. Consequently, the bill will create an illegal black market for non-serialized ammunition and will make handloading of pistol ammunition obsolete in the state.

Ammunition and components manufacturers simply cannot, as a practical matter, comply with the requirements of this legislation. Any attempt to serialize ammunition or bullets on a mass production basis would massively reduce current production rates, while substantially increasing the cost of production. A massive reduction in production would translate into a shortage of ammunition and significantly higher prices to all ammunition and component purchasers, including law enforcement. Law enforcement pistol training is often done with reloaded practice rounds--lowering training costs, which in turn facilitates more training for officers.

This unwise legislation will effectively ban ammunition in California, threatens law enforcement officer's safety for the reasons stated above, and improperly focuses only on law-abiding citizens, leaving the criminal completely unfettered. I urge you to oppose this legislation for the long term good and safety of California and all Californians.

Sincerely,



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