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VIA FACSIMILE (916-445-4633)

Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Opposition to Proposed California Legislation to Mandate Serialization of
Bullets, Cartridge Casings and Packaging**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As president and CEO of the Remington Arms Company, Inc., I write to express our opposition to a state legislative proposal regarding the laser "serialization" of all handgun ammunition manufactured, imported, sold at retail or possessed in California. Among the proposed requirements, as I understand them, is that all cartridges in a single box of "handgun" ammunition carry the same unique serial number, with that unique number engraved on each bullet and cartridge casing.

The domestic ammunition industry, of which Remington is a market leader, produces about 8 billion rounds of ammunition each year, and our facilities manufacture, assemble and package millions of rounds daily. Serialization of individual cartridges would turn modern assembly lines into early-19th century piece work shops, with individual workers engraving casings and bullets, then matching and boxing them in increments no larger than one or two dozen. This proposal would be prohibitively expensive to implement, without credible evidence that the benefit would come close to the cost incurred to our high volume, low margin industry.

For these and other reasons, Remington is strongly opposed to this proposal. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you further or to have my staff speak in further detail with your office.

Sincerely,



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