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The Honorable Jean Fuller
California State Senate
State Capitol, 10th & L Streets
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 175 – STATE GAME REFUGES: POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

Dear Senator Fuller:

On behalf of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, I am expressing our support to SB 175.

As you know this bill will correct the conflict between Fish and Game Code Section 10506 and the Penal Code by amending Fish and Game Code Section 10506 to state that: (a) peace officers, honorably retired peace officers, and persons licensed to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to the Penal Code are permitted to carry a concealed handgun on their person in State Game Refuges and (b) that they may not use their concealed firearm to take game in any refuge.

Fish and Game Code Section 10506 provides that it is illegal for any person to possess a firearm in or when traveling through a State Game Refuge if the firearm is not disassembled or encased and unloaded. As currently written, section 10506 is in direct conflict with the provisions of the Penal Code Sections 25460 and 26150 that allow peace officers, honorably retired peace officers, and licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun. Because section 10506 excludes any person from carrying a concealed firearm, it excludes peace officers, honorably retired peace officers, and persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun from carrying a concealed firearm while in a State Game Refuge.

Provisions of the Fish and Game Code (a) should not be in conflict with the Penal Code, and (b) should not supersede laws regulating concealed carry of firearms as defined under the Penal Code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Sniff", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Stan Sniff, Sheriff
Riverside County

CC: California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)
Riverside County Legislative Representatives