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The Honorable Leland Yee
Member California State Senate
California State Capitol, Room 4074
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Opposition to SB 108

Dear Senator Yee:

As the Sheriff of Riverside County, I oppose SB 108. This bill would require persons who own or possess a firearm to secure all of their firearms every time they leave their residence.

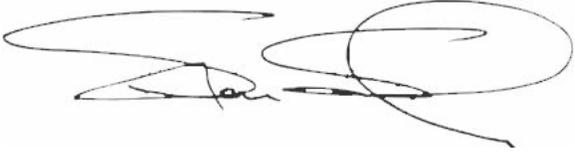
I oppose this bill because it is overly intrusive to the Constitutional rights of ordinary citizens who choose to own a firearm, and it increases their tort liability unreasonably. This bill would reach into the homes of ordinary citizens and dictate to them how they should store their personal property, even when no one else is in, or has access to, their residence. This bill reaches too far; since there are already laws in place requiring gun owners to secure their firearms if children are present in the home.

I oppose this bill because it is another unreasonable attack to the rights of law-abiding citizens and their ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights, and to properly and reasonably defend themselves.

I support increased efforts in keeping firearms (and other weapons) out of the hands of those who should not have them and support sanctions on those who willfully misuse them, but this bill adversely impacts our legitimate California citizens. I support greatly increased funding for our overcrowded local jails and state prisons, so that those very sanctions would have some meaning and deterrent value.

Because this bill does nothing to deter crime, but places intrusive restrictions on how law-abiding citizens shall act within their private residences, I oppose SB 108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stan Sniff", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Sheriff Stan Sniff, Riverside County

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