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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier  
Member California State Senate  
California State Capitol, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Opposition to SB 293**

Dear Senator DeSaulnier:

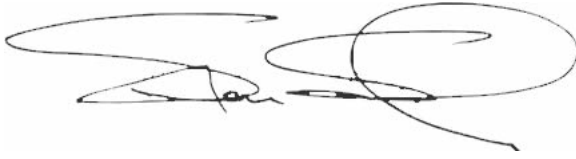
As the Sheriff of Riverside County, I oppose SB 293. This bill would prohibit the retail sale of any handguns that were not "owner-authorized", 18 months after the California Attorney General reports that these new types of firearms are available for retail sale.

I oppose this bill based in part on the completely unproven nature of the "owner-authorized" or so-called "smart gun" technology. While a number of companies are experimenting with this technology, and have done so for many years, it is far from being proven or reliable. I oppose this bill because 18 months would not be a long enough period of time, after "smart guns" became available, to ensure the reliability, safety and consistency of this technology. This should be a time-tested, market tested and proven technology before it is ever imposed upon the citizens of California. This topic should be revisited only after "smart gun" technology has become time tested and well-proven.

Because "smart guns" are an untested, unproven, and could remain an unreliable technology for years after it becomes available for retail sale, it appears to me this bill is extraordinarily premature.

Self-defense firearms have much at stake for our citizens and this bill is imprudent and I therefore oppose.

Sincerely,

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

Sheriff Stan Sniff, Riverside County

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