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May 24, 2013

The Honorable Roger Dickinson  
Member California State Assembly  
California State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0007

Subject: Opposition to AB 760

Dear Assemblymember Dickinson:

As the Sheriff of Riverside County, I oppose AB 760. This bill would impose prohibitively high taxes on our citizens who wish to purchase ammunition for their firearms. I oppose this bill because these proposed higher taxes would negatively affect the ability of most law-abiding citizens to obtain ammunition for the firearms which they legally already possess.

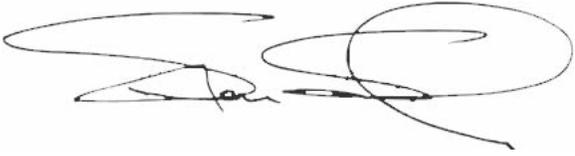
I oppose this bill because the proposed taxes are excessive and appear to be intended to punish citizens, hunters, competitors, and sports enthusiasts who legally and lawfully purchase ammunition for firearms they legally and lawfully own. It also clearly discriminates against the poor and our minorities in their exercise of their Second Amendment rights.

I oppose this bill because it will likely have the unintended consequence of encouraging our state's residents to travel to other states to purchase lower cost ammunition for themselves and their friends. History has demonstrated that even normally law-abiding citizens will rebel when facing perceived unjust taxation, and this bill simply punishes our local businesses, as our current ammunition purchases are already sales taxed.

There are some who believe placing severe restrictions on ammunition sales will limit its access to criminals. It has been my experience that criminals routinely find ways to circumvent the law. Whether the criminals steal it, or purchase the ammunition from out of state, most criminals will not be deterred. It is the honest, law-abiding citizens only who would be hurt by these new taxes.

For these reasons, I must oppose AB 760, as this bill is an attempt to circumvent the Second Amendment, or indirectly ban firearms by making ammunition less available through increased and unreasonable taxation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stan Sniff". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Sheriff Stan Sniff, Riverside County

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