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The Honorable Loni Hancock  
Member California State Senate  
State Capitol  
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**Subject: Opposition to AB 169**

Dear Senator Hancock:

As the Sheriff of Riverside County, I continue to oppose AB 169.

The DOJ Roster “safe guns” is really a misnomer and has done little to improve the safety of firearms in California. In fact, it has excluded a number of high quality – and safe – firearms from being sold in this state simply because the firearms were not submitted for testing by the manufacturer. The so-called “safe guns” list severely and unreasonably limits perfectly safe handguns from being sold in California.

Current law unfairly prohibits licensed and registered California and Federal firearms dealers from legally reselling certain used firearms, which the State of California considers arbitrarily “unsafe.” Due to current rules and regulations, many law-abiding citizens who wish to sell or rid themselves of their old or unneeded firearms frequently have considerable difficulty because licensed and registered dealers are unwilling to take possession of these firearms, since they are unable to resell them in CA.

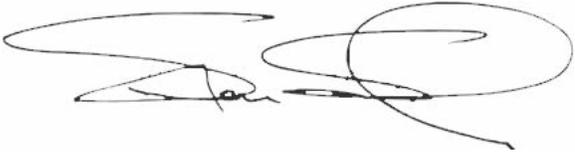
I oppose this bill because it paints a very broad brush in order to solve a very isolated and limited problem of peace officer “misuse”. Furthermore, that isolated problem is not without a solution, as demonstrated by the recent intervention of the federal prosecutors.

It is also extremely common for officers to purchase a handgun with which they are comfortable as opposed to one issued by their department. Your bill could prohibit some of these necessary law enforcement “tools-of-trade” – and actually perfectly safe handguns – from being passed on to family members upon the officer’s death, or by family members to others.

This bill also appears to prohibit the transfer of relic and curio handguns to non-exempt persons. This particular expansion is unnecessary. These types of handguns are mostly used as collectables by law-abiding citizens and are rarely desired or used by criminals.

For these reasons, I oppose AB 169.

Sincerely,

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

Sheriff Stan Sniff, Riverside County

CC: Senate Public Safety Committee Members  
California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)  
Riverside County Legislative Representatives