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The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

September 27, 2013

**Subject: Assembly Bill 169 – Request for Veto**

Dear Governor Brown,

As the Sheriff of Riverside County, I serve 2.3 million of your citizens in your 4th largest county. I respectfully ask that you veto AB 169.

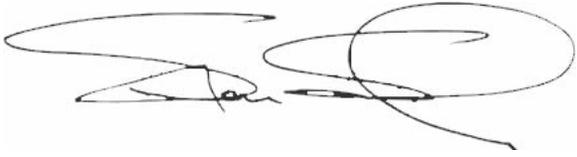
The DOJ “safe guns” Roster is really a misnomer and has done little to improve the safety of firearms in California. In fact, it has excluded a number of high quality – and safe – firearms from being sold in this state simply because the firearms were not submitted for testing by the manufacturer. The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

This bill unduly and unreasonably limits in number lawful private party firearm transfers through licensed vendors. This bill has an unfair impact on family survivors liquidating the estate of family members having, either very few firearms or large collections of firearms, manufactured many years ago and that are not on the current DOJ approved firearm list. Every member of our communities should be able to lawfully dispose of firearms they no longer desire at fair market value rather than turning it over to law enforcement agencies where they will probably be ultimately destroyed. In addition, widows of law enforcement officers who were exempted from the current DOJ list in their purchases of new handguns would also be unreasonably limited in the number of firearms that they intended to rid themselves of. In many cases, the liquidation of these firearms may have considerable financial value for those family’s survivors.

In any case, these firearms subject to this bill are not involved in the crime issues that we face daily in law enforcement. And the limitations of this bill do nothing to help our communities become safer, but they adversely impact the ability of our citizens to liquidate their private property at fair market value through lawful transfer of weapons to other legitimate owners.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you veto AB 169.

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

cc: California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)