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The Honorable Assembly Member Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, 10th & L Streets
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 499 / Support

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

As the Sheriff of Riverside County, I am writing in support of AB 499, which permit fire-arms to be carried by persons with concealed weapons permits while hunting during archery season for deer and repeats the restriction that the firearm cannot be used to hunt under the archery tag.

Currently, Fish and Game code section 4370, prohibits a person to have under his or her immediate control, any firearm of any kind (FGC §4370) during deer archery season. The passage of SB1367 (Fuller) in 2012, removed this restriction from retired and active peace officers, which better enabled them to protect themselves and others. The dangers while hunting in rural areas include inadvertently entering areas where on-going criminal activity is occurring (illegal marijuana cultivation, narcotic manufacturing etc.) and the likelihood of encountering armed criminals is possible.

This bill would grant those who have been trained and authorized to carry a concealed weapon to protect themselves and others and should be afforded the opportunity to defend themselves should the need arise during deer archery season.

For these reasons, I am in support of Assembly Bill 499.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Sniff", written over a white background.

Stan Sniff
Sheriff, Riverside County

CF: Ed Worley, NRA
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Riverside County Legislative Representatives