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The Honorable Jimmy Gomez
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 150, Prop 47 Gun Theft Bill (Melendez) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Gomez:

I support Assembly Bill 150, which would restore the penalty provisions attached to the theft of a firearm that were in place prior to Proposition 47 by specifying that the theft of a firearm, regardless of its value, is a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months, two years, or three years.

Prior to the passage of Proposition 47, the theft of a firearm, regardless of its value, was classified as grand theft, punishable as a felony carrying a state prison term of 16 months, two years, or three years. Proposition 47 reduced the penalty for stealing a firearm to a misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in county jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000, unless the firearm is valued at more than \$950 or the defendant has at least one of a list of certain prior offenses.

I respectfully request that AB 150 be given favorable consideration while on the suspense calendar and that the bill be approved and sent to the Assembly Floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Sniff".

Stan Sniff
Sheriff, Riverside County

cc: Riverside County Legislative Representatives
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