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Dear Governor Newsom and Attorney General Bonta,

Your recent threat to expand Gun Control regulations in California on home-built firearms and so-called "assault weapons" is a direct assault on the Second Amendment rights of Californians.

Your stated goal of creating a cause of action allowing private citizens to sue their neighbors for exercising their Second Amendment rights is nothing more than a bounty system aimed at infringing upon the Constitutionally protected right to bear arms.

What you are proposing goes far beyond an expansion of your existing gun control regime. You are proposing a complete nullification of the right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment, and the weaponization of private citizens to police their neighbors' exercise of that protected right. Such a system is akin to an East German informant scheme where neighbors reported on the political activities of neighbors. That you would consider instituting such a system in the United States is shocking.

The right to keep and bear arms does not depend on the courts – it is explicitly laid out in our Federal Constitution's Bill of Rights as an enumerated protection for American citizens against government actors seeking to disarm and leave them open to the tyrannical ravages of anti-freedom politicians such as yourselves.

Please be advised that should your state pass a law enacting this type of citizen-enforced nullification scheme and blatantly violate the Constitutional rights of United States citizens residing in California, we are prepared to take legal action to protect the Constitutional rights of our members in your state.

We thereby strongly encourage you to reconsider moving forward with the proposed legislation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dudley Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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