March 20, 2022

The Hon. _____
Capitol Office, CA State Assembly
1021 "O" Street, P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: SB 906 (Portantino) *School safety: mass casualty threats: firearm disclosure*.

Dear Assembly Member,

My church many years ago passed a resolution committing our parish to sustained efforts and strategies to address and reduce gun violence in our community and the nation, including supporting legislation at the state level that contributes to reductions in gun violence.

The many school shootings over the years and the recent case in Michigan in which a 15-year-old boy, who had shown signs of mental distress at home and at school, killed four and wounded six at his high school with a gun made available to him by his parents clearly demonstrates the need for schools to be able to inquiry about guns in the homes of their students. SB 906 includes the following:

1. SB 906 would require local educational agencies to require parents or guardians of a pupil to disclose whether any firearms are located at the home of the pupil and to answer questions about the ownership, storage, and accessibility by the pupil of the firearms.

2. SB 906 would also require local educational agencies to include information related to the safe storage of firearms in the annual notification provided to the parents or guardians of a pupil.

3. If a school official is alerted to or observes any threat or perceived threat of an incident of mass-casualties at a school, SB 906 would require a report of the threat or perceived threat to be immediately made to law enforcement and the Department of Justice.

4. SB 906 would require a school or local educational agency, in consultation with law enforcement, to conduct immediately an investigation and threat assessment.

We must bring an end to school shootings in America. Children should not have to practice "active shooter" drills in their schools. Please support SB 906 to increase safety in schools and reduce school shootings.

Sincerely,

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