



June 5, 2022

State Senator _____
Capitol Office, CA State Senate
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Support AB 452 and AB 1621

Dear Senator,

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.

California has passed some of the strongest gun legislation in the country. Unfortunately, the United States is a country with some of the loosest gun regulations in the world and this weakens the effectiveness of California's gun laws. Never-the-less, according to the CDC, our rate of 8.5 gun deaths per 100,000 people puts us well below the national average and among the bottom ten states for firearm mortality. We are marginally safer from guns in California and I thank you for that.

There is more we can do. Canada's firearm mortality rate is one-quarter the rate in California and Japan's is one-tenth the rate of Canada. Therefore, I urge you to support the following two bills that have passed the Assembly and are now in the Senate:

- AB 452 would require a school district, county office of education, and charter school to inform parents and guardians of pupils at the beginning of each semester or quarter of the regular school term of California's child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms. This would enhance security in our schools
- AB 1621 would redefine a firearm precursor part as a firearm if it could be readily completed, assembled or converted into a firearm or sold to the public to become or be used to complete a firearm. The bill would also require any person in possession of an unserialized firearm to apply to the department for a unique mark of identification and to affix that mark to the firearm before July 1, 2023. The bill would explicitly prohibit the possession or transfer of a firearm without a serial number or mark of identification. This would strengthen the identification of guns.

Thank you for your efforts towards greater security from the scourge of gun violence.

Sincerely,

Print Name _____

Address _____
