

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 17, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We are writing to urge you to veto Assembly Bill 962, by Assemblyman DeLeon. AB 962 would mandate that all retail handgun ammunition sales take place only in a "face to face" transaction. Retail purchasers of handgun ammunition would be registered at the point of purchase. This would have disastrous results for Californians wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights, and for the businesses that serve their needs.

The provisions of AB 962 would have a negative impact on the millions of lawful purchasers of handgun ammunition in California and violate their right to privacy. Buyers would have to fill out registration paperwork and be fingerprinted at the point of purchase. Information required includes the buyer's name, full residential address, date of birth, phone number, driver's license number, brand and type of ammunition, and the amount purchased. Compliance with these provisions would impose major costs on small businesses.

The proponents of AB 962 claim that new legislation is needed to stop the transfer of handgun ammunition to criminals. Both at the federal level and in California, though, the transfer of ammunition to a prohibited person (such as a convicted felon) is already a crime, as is the possession of ammunition by a prohibited person.

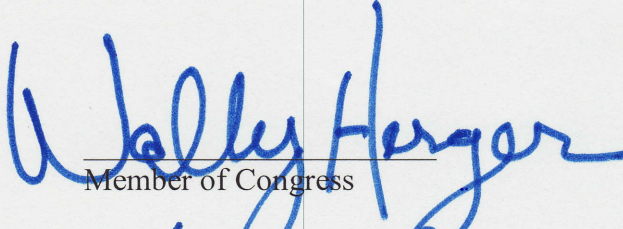
AB 962's face-to-face sales requirement would effectively ban the sale of handgun ammunition to individuals and organizations through the mail or Internet. It would make it far more difficult for competitive target shooters and junior programs to order special competition grade ammunition for training. The specialty ammunition used in these programs is not available through regular retail outlets or big box stores, which only carry common ammunition that can be sold in higher volumes.

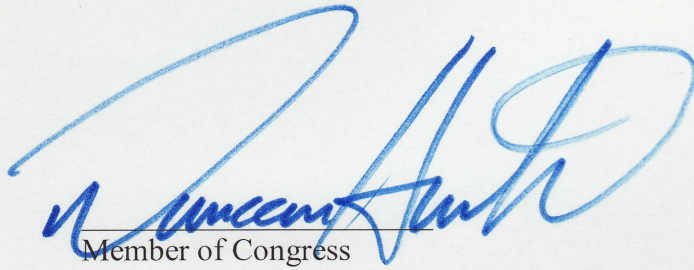
The provisions of AB 962 would also prohibit the ordering of special competition grade ammunition from mail-order or the Internet from the Federal Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). As a result, it would ban this federal program in California and intrude upon interstate commerce.

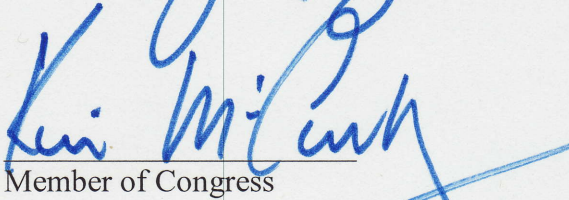
AB 962 is not supported by a single police chiefs' organization, sheriffs' organization, law enforcement officers' association, or even the Attorney General. It is now opposed by a growing number of Sheriffs from at least 15 counties (Butte, Shasta, Glenn, Lassen, Sutter, San Benito, Riverside, Fresno, San Bernardino, Tehama, Trinity, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Del Norte, and Kern).

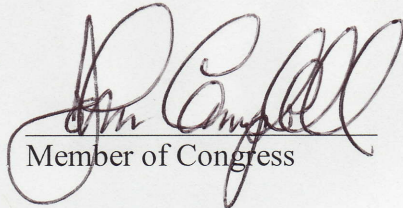
Based on the bill's negative impact on our constituents' ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights, and its lack of support among law enforcement officials, we respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 962.

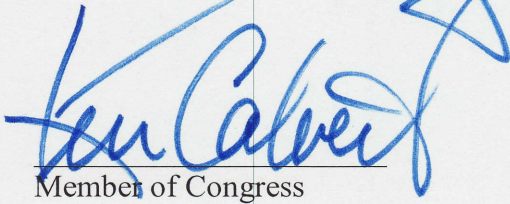
Sincerely,


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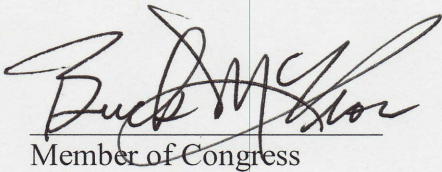

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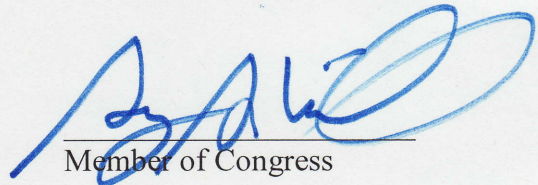

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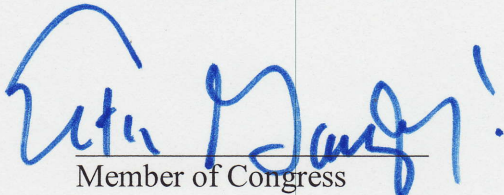

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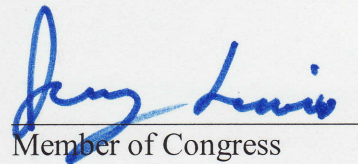

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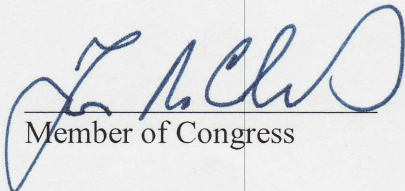

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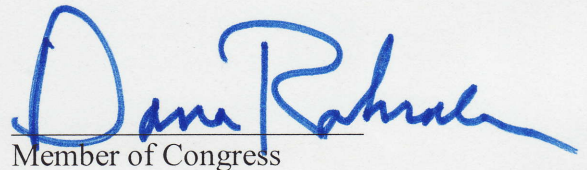

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