

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 464 (SB 464).

California already has some of the strictest laws in the country regarding how dealers must store and secure firearms; SB 464 will only increase the storage and security requirements to an unachievable level for most firearms vendors.

Though the proposed legislation is meant to keep our communities safer by keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals, this legislation will not accomplish that goal. It is a knee jerk reaction to recent criminal activity involving a very small percentage of businesses.

The long list of exemptions created by the bill will only create confusion amongst retailers, and will be a regulatory nightmare to enforce. The new costs and red tape will make compliance by California's small businesses impossible, thereby setting them up for unnecessary prosecution or forcing them to close their doors.

California law already requires vendors to store firearms in a secure facility that is a part of, or that constitutes, the firearms dealer's business premises. Furthermore, all firearms must be secured with a steel rod or cable with specified features, or in a locked fireproof safe or vault on the premises.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to help protect California's small businesses and veto SB 464.