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September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capital  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 914: Portantino: Firearms.**  
**Position: Veto requested**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the California Rifle & Pistol Association, Incorporated (CRPA), its members and supporters throughout California, I write to express our opposition of Senate Bill 914 (SB 914). CRPA, founded in 1875, works tirelessly to defend the civil and constitutional rights of individuals who choose to responsibly own and use firearms. CRPA promotes the recreational shooting sports, and provides safety, education, and skills training to enable all persons a more enjoyable and safe recreational experience.

SB 914 started out as a bill to clarify what a valid hunting license is as it relates to the purchase of a firearm. After multiple amendments the bill was morphed to include numerous 'fixes' that unnecessarily restrict the purchase, access and transfer of firearms and firearm parts by law abiding citizens. SB 914 is such a convoluted mess even the author and his staff are unable to explain what this bill does! Our opposition is based on three main points.

First, do we really need legislation to define what a valid hunting license is? Doesn't the date printed on the license do that? Second, after amendments taken in SB 914 changes to the law have raised additional questions that the author has failed to address, making it more difficult for law abiding individuals to effectively understand what the law requires. What the author forgets is not everyone in California who has to make sense of these laws and follow them is an attorney. Third, SB 914 raises the cost of eligibility checks on certain ammunition purchases and precursor firearms parts. For years the Department of Justice (DOJ) has been allowed to overcharge 'fees' for Dealer Record of Sales (DROS) transactions. These DROS fees accumulated into large surpluses that the DOJ then unlawfully used on activities not related to DROS.

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The safety of Californians is at the very foundation of our organization. It has been our consistent goal to work toward common sense solutions regarding the issue of crime and firearm ownership. This can be done, however, without sacrificing our Constitutional rights and the ability of the law abiding to protect their families, to operate a lawful business, provide firearms for safe at a price all Californians can afford to protect their families and recreate. This is just a bad piece of legislation that attempts to do too much, a one size fits all attempt that does nothing to make California safer! For the foregoing reasons the California Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. respectfully opposes SB 914 and strongly urges your veto on SB 914.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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