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Assemblyman James Gallagher  
1021 O Street, Suite 4540  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1753:** (Gallagher): Fish and Wildlife: poaching: penalties  
**Position: Support**

Dear Assemblyman Gallagher,

On behalf of The California Rifle and Pistol Association Inc. (CRPA), I write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 1753 (AB 1753). CRPA, founded in 1875, is a nonprofit membership and donor supported organization with tens of thousands of members throughout California. CRPA works tirelessly to defend the civil and constitutional rights of individuals to choose to responsibly own and use firearms and works to preserve the traditional role of the citizen to hunt, to conserve, and preserve California's natural resources.

While defending the constitutional rights of our citizens to own and use firearms to hunt and safely recreate, CRPA believes those who knowingly violate critical wildlife regulations should be punished to the full extent of the law. We stand with our Game Wardens throughout California who put their lives on the line every day to protect California's diverse wildlife resources on land, sea and air. It is very hard to explain to our members how, or why, their elected politicians continually write and pass legislation that chips away at the law-abiding gun owner's Second Amendment rights. While at the same time passing legislation that makes life easier on criminals, serial poachers and those who unlawfully commercialize our wildlife. Each and every one of us who lawfully enjoy our wildlife are victims of these crimes!

CRPA worked hard in years past with the California Game Wardens Associations and other Wildlife Conservation Associations to bring forward legislation to see that these wildlife violators are penalized appropriately. AB 1753 protects and reinstates these penalties as outlined in the Fish & Game Code and gives the judicial system the authority and options they need to appropriately penalize the most egregious poachers who take our precious wildlife resources from us all. Thank you, Assemblyman Gallagher, for taking on this critical effort. For the foregoing reasons, the California Rifle and Pistol Association strongly supports AB 1753.

Sincerely,

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