



March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Honorable Connie M. Leyva  
Senate Education Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 4203  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 906** (Portantino) School Safety: mass casualty threats: firearms disclosure  
**Position: OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Leyva,

On behalf of The California Rifle and Pistol Association Inc. (CRPA), I write to express our opposition to Senate Bill 906 (SB 906). 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 this bill is well intended, it unreasonably infringes on the rights of parents by mandating they disclose sensitive information about the ownership, storage, and accessibility by their child to firearms in their homes. Should a parent refuse to disclose this information, the child would effectively be unable to enroll or register and thus have his or her education interrupted and negatively impacted. Owning a firearm is a personal choice and, per the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), protected as an individual right under the Second Amendment. Requiring gun owners to answer questions about how they exercise that Constitutional right in, of all places, their own homes only weakens that right while also invading their privacy. There are already laws in place which address the safe storage and accessibility of firearms to minors. If a minor gains access to a firearm stored in a home and then uses it in an unsafe or illegal manner, the homeowner may be held liable.

It is very hard to explain to our members how, or why, their elected politicians continually write and pass legislation that violates the civil rights of the law-abiding gun owner/parent. SB 906 lacks any enforceability and potentially subjects educational personnel to committing illegal search and seizure violations. SB 906 is not how we are going to identify students with mental health issues that commit acts that result in mass casualty incidents. This is NOT how we are going to make California safer!

*Be Safe. Shoot Straight. Fight Back!*



While defending the constitutional rights of our citizens to own and use firearms, CRPA believes those who use firearms in the commission of violent crimes should be punished to the full extent of the law. We stand with law enforcement and educators throughout California and put the safety of our citizens first. CRPA will continue to support sound legislation aimed at protecting our children, reducing crime, and getting criminals off our streets and out of our communities, this is no such piece of legislation. For the foregoing reasons, the California Rifle and Pistol Association strongly opposes SB 906.

Sincerely,

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