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Honorable Senator Steven Bradford  
1020 N Street, Room 545  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1384: Min. Firearms: dealer requirements.**

**Position: OPPOSED**

Dear Senator Bradford,

The California Rifle & Pistol Association Incorporated (CRPA), founded in 1875, is a nonprofit membership and donor supported organization with members and supporters throughout California. CRPA works tirelessly to defend the civil and constitutional rights of individuals who choose to responsibly own and use firearms and endeavors to preserve their ability to protect their families, hunt, and enjoy competitive shooting events.

CRPA is in strong opposition to Senate Bill 1384 (SB 1384). If enacted SB 1384 would require a licensed firearm dealer (FFL) in California to have a digital video surveillance system on their business premise and would require that dealer to carry a policy of general liability insurance. The bill would require a licensee and any employees that handle firearms to annually complete specified training. The bill would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop and implement an online training course, including a testing certification component.

Our primary concern is that this bill will have the opposite effect that it intends and will only serve to make our communities *more* unsafe. All these additional FFL inspection requirements are unnecessarily cumbersome and place the burden on an already understaffed and overcommitted DOJ and their agents! In addition to their long list of existing duties, SB 1384 will require DOJ agents to conduct inspections of a licensee's video surveillance system; receive and review annual certifications from licensees that their video surveillance systems are in proper working order; receive and review installation and maintenance records for licensees' alarm systems, adopt regulations relating to the placement of building security bollards outside a licensed premises; conduct inspections of a licensee's training records; develop and implement a training, examination and certification program for licensees and their employees regarding firearm sales and related topics; and prepare, disseminate and update supplemental written materials for the training course.

With over 24,000 armed prohibited felons on our streets we should be requiring our DOJ agents to focus their time, energy and resources on the real threats to our communities--those who choose to use firearms in the commission of crimes! The legal requirements of an FFL are the most rigorous and follow specific procedures and processes that enable citizens to legally

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purchase, possess and safely use firearms. Many if not all the requirements listed in SB 1384 are already being done by California FFL dealers. It is in their best business interests to do so. Placing more unnecessary burden on DOJ under SB 1384 would only divert effort from focusing efforts where the real problems are, on criminals who choose to use firearms in the commission of a crime.

The safety of Californians is at the very foundation of our organization. It has been our ongoing 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, overburdening the DOJ and placing additional unnecessary requirements on our legally-operated FFL businesses. For the foregoing reasons the California Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. stands in strong opposition to SB 1384 and strongly urges you to vote no on this misguided legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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