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May 4th, 2022

Honorable Senator Anthony J. Portantino
State Capitol Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 831: (Cortese): Motion picture productions: set safety: firearms: ammunition.
Position: Support

Dear Senator Portantino,

On behalf of The California Rifle and Pistol Association Inc. (CRPA), I write to express our strong support for Senate Bill 831 (SB 831). 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 who choose to responsibly own and use firearms and has been the leader in teaching Californian's marksmanship skills and firearms safety for 150 years.

CRPA believes in the goal of SB 831 to protect film and television workers by establishing clear, mandatory guidelines regarding the use of firearms and ammunition on sets. It is just common sense to enact safety regulations and establish penalties for violations to ensure compliance. By codifying proven safety measures created by the entertainment industry, SB 831 sets up a first-in-the-nation regulatory process to keep workers safe and hold entertainment entities accountable. Restricting the use of functioning guns and ammunition, including blanks, on entertainment productions is a must, as is ensuring that only qualified personnel with the appropriate certification and safety training may handle firearms and ammunition. Requiring employers to hire a qualified Safety Supervisor/Officer, independent of the cast and crew, and ensure sufficient staffing of qualified personnel to be on set when using live guns and ammunition is a very important step and is consistent with other state agencies where firearms are involved.

CRPA has been at the forefront of teaching firearms safety to Californians since 1875. We strongly believe when it comes to firearms, properly trained staff overseeing safety is paramount. California must ensure there are clear laws and guidelines for handling firearms in TV and motion picture production to protect workers on sets and ensure that no lives are ever put at risk for the sake of entertainment. When it comes to firearms safety you cannot cut corners. Everyone involved should expect a safe environment whether it is work or recreation. The California Rifle and Pistol Association recognizes Senator Cortese for taking on this critical effort and strongly urges your yes vote on SB 831.

Respectfully Submitted,

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