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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
California State Assembly
Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, California 95814

Assembly Bill 276 (Friedman): Pupil safety: parental notification: firearm safety laws -- Support

Dear Chairwoman Gonzalez:

The San Diego City Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill (AB) 276 by Assemblymember Laura Friedman.

AB 276 requires schools to inform parents and guardians of California's child access prevention and other laws relating to the safe storage of firearms.

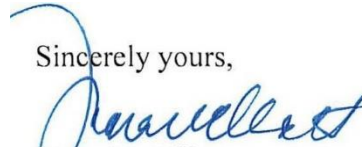
Last year, I introduced San Diego's Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance, which was as approved by the City Council in July and went into effect in September 2019. The law requires all residents of the City of San Diego to safely lock or store firearms inside their residences, unless the weapon is being carried on the body or in the immediate control of its owner or other authorized user.

The safety of our children and our neighbors requires that gun owners act responsibly. Safe storage is proven to prevent tragedies and save lives by keeping guns out of the hands of minors, unauthorized users, and individuals going through personal crises that could result in them harming themselves or others. We all are safer when these laws are followed.

Only 54 percent of firearm owners with children at home keep their firearms secured. Studies show that these unsecured weapons are frequently accessible to – and accessed by – young children, even when their parents believe they are not. Across the United States, 4.6 million children live in homes with at least one loaded and unlocked firearm.

For these reasons, the San Diego City Attorney's Office strongly supports AB 276 (Friedman) and urges you and the other members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee to pass this bill tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,



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