



PREVENTING VIOLENCE
AND DEVELOPING
YOUTH LEADERS

April 4, 2013

The Honorable Rob Bonta
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 187 (Bonta) Ammunition Tax for Public Safety Services —
SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Bonta:

On behalf of Youth ALIVE!, a national leader in youth violence prevention and federal technical assistance provider for hospitals and communities seeking to reduce gun injuries, I write to express support for Assembly Bill 187. Gun violence, from the recent Sandy Hook tragedy to the more than 120 homicides in Oakland last year, is a stressor that our youth live with daily, and which AB 187 will help to curb by focusing on ammunition and by providing additional revenue to areas of California experiencing high levels of crime.

AB 187 will impose a 10% tax on ammunition; the revenue will be used for the Public Safety Emergency Prevention Fund which will provide resources to high crime areas in California. The increased revenue will benefit areas such as Oakland and Stockton, which are both experiencing high crime and low resources in these harsh economic times.

Assembly Bill 187 will help to tighten ammunition sales in California and provide an additional revenue stream focused on improving health and safety. Thank you for considering my support of AB 187, Ammunition Tax for Public Safety Services.

Signed,

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