



PREVENTING VIOLENCE  
AND DEVELOPING  
YOUTH LEADERS

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Governor Jerry Brown  
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**RE: SB 140 (Leno/Steinberg) Armed Prohibited Person System Enforcement  
— SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Brown:

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 Senate Bill 140. Gun violence, and the threat of gun violence, is a stressor that our youth live with daily, and which SB 140 will help to curb. SB 140 seeks to improve public safety by enforce existing firearm prohibition laws including the timely identification, investigation, and prosecution of prohibited persons, and confiscation of illegally possessed weapons.

SB 140 will allow the Department of Justice (DOJ) to use additional Dealer Record of Sale Account funding to hire and train additional field agents to enforce the Armed Prohibited Person System Enforcement (APPS) backlog. Although the burden for confiscating weapons technically falls to local jurisdictions, in practice, 98% of the people removed from the list are a result of the DOJ.

SB 140 would mean additional funding to DOJ Taskforces, which include members of local law enforcement, to conduct sweeps of individuals on the APPS list. It would also allow additional positions with DOJ to better ensure the investigation and remove from the system of individuals who are armed and prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Senate Bill 140 will allow better enforcement of existing firearms laws and help to make California safer. Thank you for considering my support of SB 140, Armed Prohibited Persons System Enforcement.

Signed,

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