September 23, 2013

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA  95814

RE: SB 374 (Steinberg) Fixed Magazines and Records — SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of Youth ALIVE!, a violence prevention and intervention program, I write to express support for Senate Bill 374, which simplifies and strengthens California’s assault weapons law by prohibiting future sale of specified long guns with exchangeable ammunition magazines that enable rapid reload.

SB 374 will amend the current definition of illegal “assault weapon” to include a semiautomatic centerfire rifle that does not have a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept ten or fewer rounds.

The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting is only one of many tragedies depicting the devastating lethality of military-style, rapid-rate-of-fire weapons. Both the weapon used at the Norway summer camp massacre and a modified version of the weapon used in the Aurora, Colorado movie theater shooting are currently legal in California.

California assault weapons laws have long been considered the toughest in the country. But, even these laws have loopholes and gaps that the gun manufacturers have exploited. SB 374 is aimed at the commercialization of mass killing machines, not the rights of sporting gun and hunting enthusiasts.

Please sign SB 374 into law.

Sincerely,

Anne Marks
Executive Director

cc:  Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg

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