September 20, 2013

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

RE: SB 755 (Wolk) Firearms: Prohibited Persons Records — SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of Youth ALIVE!, a violence prevention and intervention program, I write to express support for Senate Bill 755. SB 755 adds to the list of persons prohibited from purchasing firearms to include those convicted of two or more drug or alcohol offenses within a 3-year period. SB 755 also adds to the prohibited category those who have been ordered by a court to receive assisted outpatient treatment for serious mental illness.

SB 755 adds to the 10-year ban for possession of firearms or ammunition those convicted of two or more drug or alcohol convictions within 3-year period. A violation of the 10-year prohibition for this new group of offenses results in an infraction, punishable by a fine of no more than $250. In addition, any misdemeanor conviction for violation of the 10-year prohibition results in extending the prohibition by another 10 years. SB 755 also adds a temporary firearms ban, during the period of treatment, for those adjudicated to receive assisted outpatient treatment for serious mental illness.

SB 755 can help keep California safe, please sign it into law.

Sincerely,

Anne Marks
Executive Director

cc: Senator Lois Wolk