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The Honorable Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Safety  
State Capitol, Room 2117  
Sacramento, California 95814

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Re: Support for AJR 5 (Jones-Sawyer) – Universal Firearm Safety Regulation

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Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer,

On behalf of Youth ALIVE! and our constituency of youth and families personally impacted by violence, I am writing in support of Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 5 by Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer. California has proven gun violence is reduced when sensible firearm safety laws are enacted. This resolution calls on the federal government to replicate California's firearm safety regulations to ensure public safety.

Youth ALIVE! is a national leader in addressing violence and Oakland's anchor organization for violence prevention, intervention and healing. We work directly with victims of shootings and with the formerly incarcerated to create paths to peace and healing, and we train young leaders to create change. We support AJR 5 because there are too many firearms making their way into our community from other states with more lax firearm laws.

For over 25 years now, California has led the nation in passing comprehensive firearm safety legislation. This effort has led to a significant decrease in gun violence. California's gun-related death rate is now approximately 36% lower than the national rate. California should be used as a nationwide example for common sense firearm laws.

AJR 5 (Jones-Sawyer) urges the federal government to model California's firearm safety regulations in order to protect public safety. Youth ALIVE! is pleased to support AJR 5.

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Sincerely,

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