



PREVENTING VIOLENCE
AND DEVELOPING
YOUTH LEADERS

September 23, 2013

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

**Re: Assembly Bill 180 (Bonta)
Registration and licensing of firearms: City of Oakland
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

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 am respectfully requesting your signature on AB 180 (Bonta), a bill which would allow Oakland to enact and enforce firearm licensing and regulations in excess of current state law.

AB 180 will provide an additional tool to the City of Oakland, and allow local authority to take the steps necessary to make our City a safer community. This bill will ensure gun licensing and regulation in Oakland is enforced in an effective manner that reduces crime. This bill would grant the City of Oakland the tools necessary to effectively combat crime. Tougher and flexible regulation is needed on the local level to effectively reduce crime in Oakland.

Gun violence is a huge issue impacting the City of Oakland. The young people we work with encounter violence on the personal as well as city level. Allowing the city to enact and enforce stricter licensing and regulations could help Oakland address this issue that is disproportionately impacting our city and our young people.

I appreciate your efforts and extend my strong support for this important policy; please sign AB 180 into law.

Sincerely,

Anne Marks
Executive Director

cc: Assemblymember Rob Bonta

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