



PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERS

March 14, 2016

The Honorable Kevin McCarty
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2459 (Transparent Gun Sales) — SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember McCarty:

On behalf of Youth ALIVE!, I am writing to express strong support of AB 2459. Youth ALIVE! is a violence prevention and intervention organization that helps young people become leaders and advocates for the change they would like to see in their communities through our Teens on Target Program, mentors and supports healing for young people who have been violently injured through our Caught in the Crossfire program, and works with families grieving in the wake of a homicide through our Khadafy Washington Project.

Over 8,000 Californians are injured or killed by guns every year and guns are commonly used in crime. According to the California Department of Justice, in 2014 there were 1,169 firearm murders in California, 13,546 armed robberies involving a firearm, and 15,801 aggravated assaults involving a firearm. Many criminals who may be prohibited from purchasing a firearm are able to acquire guns through illegal trafficking channels. ATF Trace Reports show that about 70% of guns recovered by law enforcement in California and traced had been sold by a firearm dealer in California.

AB 2459 will provide transparency for all gun transactions, deter illegal activity, and improve enforcement of existing law. The provisions of the bill will:

- 1) Require dealers to videotape all firearm sales, which will deter straw purchasers, those customers who buy guns for people who cannot pass a background check.
2) Require dealers to obtain liability insurance, which will provide incentive for responsible practices and compensation for victims.
3) Prohibit residential or "kitchen table" dealers, which are difficult to oversee and bring strangers and firearms into residential neighborhoods.
4) Authorize the California Department of Justice to impose fines against dealers who violate the law, which will provide reform and accountability.

AB 2459 contains reasonable measures that will help curb the flow of illegal guns into communities throughout California. Youth ALIVE!'s work is steeped in the aftermath experienced by people injured by guns and those left to grieve after homicides. We know the damage gun violence can do to people and their communities. This bill will reduce gun crime and save lives. For these reasons, my organization is in support of AB 2459 and appreciates your introduction of this important measure.

Sincerely,

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