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The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
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Re.: Senate Bill 376 - Support

Dear Senator Portantino:

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On behalf of Youth ALIVE! and our constituency of youth and families personally impacted by violence, I am writing in support of SB 376.

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 SB 376 because there are too many firearms making their way into our community.

There is a disparity in the Penal Code's definition of the term "infrequent" which results in a disparity in the way in which unlicensed sellers of firearms are treated under the law. Individuals may or may not be required to obtain a license to sell firearms depending on the type of firearm being transacted. In some instances, this may exempt for example non-profits from having to go through a licensed dealer when raffling or auctioning off a firearm. The disparate treatment causes confusion and makes unclear if and when sellers are required to and should obtain a license to engage in the business of transacting firearms. This is a problem both for the public as well as for law enforcement because there is a lack of a bright line rule.

The bill seeks to address the disparity and confusion in the way unlicensed firearms dealers are treated based on the definition of "infrequent." It would reduce the number of firearms an unlicensed individual is annually able to sell and the frequency with which they're able to sell. It would also reduce the number of firearms an unlicensed individual is able to manufacture. It would also provide the necessary exemptions for individuals who require the ability to sell, transfer or lease more than 5 times or more than 50 firearms in a single year. Some of these exemptions include death, divorce, an event triggering prohibition, storage, or because the person deals in antiques.

For these reasons, we support SB 376.

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Sincerely,

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