

[FPC] FIREARMS POLICY COALITION

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Chair
Assembly Committee on Public Safety
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

Regarding: Assembly Bill 149 (Jones-Sawyer)
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Asm. Jones-Sawyer,

On behalf of the members and supporters of Firearms Policy Coalition, I would like to express our support for your Assembly Bill 149 (Jones-Sawyer), which provides an appropriate and common sense addition to defense counsel duties.

Currently, a defendant in a criminal proceeding may not be fully informed about the life-long loss of some fundamental civil rights that follow a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to a felony offense. Our courts should ensure that defendants are notified of this important consideration before they accept such a plea, and Assembly Bill 149 represents a simple—yet significant—improvement in this regard that furthers the interests of justice.

We respectfully urge you and your Committee to consider a modest amendment to AB 149; applying the measure's notice requirement to non-felony firearms prohibiting offenses, like those listed in Section 29805 of the Penal Code.

We urge the committee to pass the measure and to consider our friendly amendments.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Author; Members of the Committee