



Friday, September 7, 2018

The Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senate Bill 1100 – Request for VETO

Dear Governor Brown,

I write you today on behalf of Firearms Policy Coalition, a fiercely non-partisan nonprofit organization that promotes individual liberty and sound public policy through litigation, research, education, grassroots outreach, and direct advocacy.

Senate Bill 1100 would generally prohibit the sale or transfer of any firearm by a licensed dealer to persons under 21 years of age. This bill would deny millions of responsible, law-abiding adults under the age of 21 their fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms secured under the Second and Fourteenth Amendments.

Recognition of the right of adults over 18 to keep and bear firearms dates back to the Founding Era. And the Second Militia Act of 1792 *required* that all “able-bodied male citizen[s]” over the age of 18 acquire and keep a military-grade firearm in operable condition.

Raising the age limit for firearm ownership to 21 not only ignores the text, history, and meaning of the Constitution—it’s inconsistent with federal law, which includes 18 to 20-year-olds as part and parcel of the American militia. “The militia of the United States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and . . . under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States.” 10 U.S.C. § 246(a).

We respectfully ask for your veto of Senate Bill 1100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Combs', written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Combs
President