



Thursday, September 6, 2018

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

Assembly Bill 3129 – 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.

Assembly Bill 3129 would impose a lifetime ban on the possession of firearms on any individual convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. This bill is both unnecessary and unwise.

AB 3129 is unnecessary because federal law already prohibits persons convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors from possessing firearms for life. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(9).

And the bill is unwise because it fails to provide critical constitutional and procedural safeguards necessary to ensure that the prohibition does not sweep too broad.

Its reach is not limited to persons who were convicted without a jury or without representation by an attorney. And there is no procedure for domestic violence misdemeanants to seek to restore their civil rights.

We respectfully ask for your veto of Assembly Bill 3129.

Sincerely,

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

Brandon Combs
President