

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Subj: Exhibit in Opposition to AB451, Amendment 405

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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

I have reviewed amendment 405 to AB451 and am still opposed to this bill. Although the amendment does take the bill in a more reasonable direction:

1. It requires a new database and training for firearms dealers (and police).
2. It requires a firearms dealer to determine the risk posed by an individual to whom weapons surrendered are returned. Firearms dealers must be Psychologists now?
3. The fiscal notes require a cost outlay of \$600,000 in the fiscal year 2026-2027 to implement the database.
4. It leaves a potential liability for the dealer or police.
5. The requirement to return a weapon after 21 days requires storage of the weapon, procedures for acceptance of the surrender, procedures for the return of the weapon, potential liability for the return of the weapon, training for the firearms dealer on the new database, and places this "private" database data integrity in question. Costs for these issues?

I appreciate the amendment, but it does not negate the fact that this is a BAD bill and must still be opposed. If firearms were turned into police entities only I would still feel that the risks and costs outweigh the benefits. We can't prevent people from committing suicide if that is their choice, and we can't determine the incentives for their choices. Free will is free will, you can't protect people from themselves. This bill is not necessary, is still vague and complex, and costs more than we should have to spend. We have a budget deficit and need to keep that in mind.

Please oppose AB451.

Respectfully,

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