

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 458 (Stefani) - Public Contracts: Firearms,  
2 Ammunition, and Firearm Accessories]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 458, introduced by Assembly**  
4 **Member Catherine Stefani, which establishes new compliance requirements for bidders**  
5 **and contractors in state agency procurement of firearms, ammunition, and firearm**  
6 **accessories, including provisions for contract rejection or cancellation under specified**  
7 **circumstances.**

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9 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature introduced Assembly Bill No. 458 (AB  
10 458), the Ira Sharp Firearm and Ammunition Procurement Act, to establish new procurement  
11 standards for state agency contracts related to the acquisition of firearms, ammunition, and  
12 firearm accessories; and

13 WHEREAS, The legislation requires bidders and contractors to undergo a  
14 comprehensive vetting process during the bidding stage, annually, and upon request from the  
15 Department of General Services or a state agency to ensure compliance with state and  
16 federal laws as well as firearm safety regulations; and

17 WHEREAS, AB 458 mandates that a state agency reject a bid or cancel a contract if a  
18 vendor fails to meet these vetting standards or is found to be misaligned with the state's public  
19 safety values regarding firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories; and

20 WHEREAS, A Brady investigation revealed that law enforcement agencies across  
21 California have spent millions of taxpayer dollars purchasing firearms from manufacturers and  
22 dealers with documented violations of federal firearm regulations; and

23 WHEREAS, The investigation also found that California law enforcement agencies lack  
24 an adequate vetting process for selecting firearm vendors, resulting in public funds supporting  
25 businesses with a history of violations; and

1           WHEREAS, AB 458 seeks to enhance transparency and accountability by requiring  
2 firearm industry vendors seeking state contracts to disclose federal trace requests, inspection  
3 histories, compliance violations, and theft/loss records from the past five calendar years; and

4           WHEREAS, The bill requires vendors to maintain policies that prevent firearm  
5 trafficking, straw purchases, and illegal sales, as well as implement employee training  
6 programs and digital surveillance systems to enhance compliance with firearm safety laws;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, The proposed legislation would ensure that taxpayer dollars are not used  
9 to support firearm dealers and manufacturers with a history of noncompliance, thereby helping  
10 to reduce firearm-related crime and violence; and

11           WHEREAS, AB 458 explicitly prohibits vendors from selling unserialized gun build kits  
12 and firearm precursor parts, including unserialized firearms, unfinished frames, and unfinished  
13 receivers; and

14           WHEREAS, The bill establishes a process for the Department of General Services and  
15 the Department of Justice to develop procedures for assessing compliance, including a  
16 prequalification system, a scoring system based on public safety values, and contract  
17 termination provisions for non-compliant vendors; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
19 hereby supports Assembly Bill No. 458, the Ira Sharp Firearm and Ammunition Procurement  
20 Act, as a critical measure to enhance firearm procurement accountability and public safety;  
21 and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State  
23 Legislature and the Governor to enact AB 458 to ensure California's procurement policies  
24 uphold the highest safety and compliance standards; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a  
2 copy of this Resolution to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore of the  
3 California State Senate, the Speaker of the California State Assembly, and Assembly Member  
4 Catherine Stefani, to express the City and County of San Francisco’s strong support for this  
5 legislation.

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