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Mr. Derek Evans, Assistant Committee Clerk
Public Safety Committee
Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Dear Mr. Evans:

RE: File No. 130039 – Ordinance Requiring Reporting the Sale of 500 or More Rounds
Ammunition

The intent of this letter is to express the full support of the San Francisco Police Department for Ordinance 130039, which will require firearms dealers to report to the Chief of Police the sale of 500 or more rounds of ammunition in a single transaction.

Unlike most other states, California has no provision in its state constitution that explicitly guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms, and as such, currently has some of the toughest gun laws in the United States Private. The California Supreme Court has maintained that most of California's restrictive gun laws are constitutional based on the fact that the State's Constitution does not explicitly guarantee private citizens the right to purchase, possess, or carry firearms. However, there is no limit on the amount of ammunition one can purchase from firearms dealers.

It is the opinion of the San Francisco Police Department that by requiring a dealer to report the sale of 500 or more rounds of ammunition to the Chief of Police, this legislation will provide a “red flag” to law enforcement of a potential threat to public safety.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

GREGORY P. SUHR
Chief of Police

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