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December 11, 2017

Senator Kamala Harris
United States Senate
112 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Harris,

On behalf of the City of Albany, I want to express our opposition of HR 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017.

This dangerous bill would significantly expand the ability to carry concealed weapons and erodes the right of individual states to craft permit legislation which is appropriate for them.


California has tight restrictions on concealed carry, allowing it only by permit of law enforcement. Under this bill, someone who can carry a concealed weapon in another state without a permit would be able to do the same in California. This bill would effectively allow states with the weakest gun laws to supersede states with the strongest gun laws. It also sets up a contradiction between the standards required for State residents and visitors.

According to Major Cities Chiefs, thousands of local permit formats would make enforcement impossible, because police officers would not be able to determine the validity of a permit issued in another State or locality. It would be impossible for law enforcement to distinguish true permit carriers from criminals and illegal guns.

While we support efforts to strengthen background checks which are in the interest of public safety, the proposed measure which includes Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation must be defeated. Reform of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) should be considered in separate legislation.

We urge our California Senators to vote no on HR 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017.

Sincerely


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Senator Dianne Feinstein
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