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September 21, 2023

Governor Gavin Newsom  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Veto Request – Senate Bill 2**

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Senate Bill 2.

This bill, if implemented, would further limit the locations in our state where civilians with a valid CCW permit may carry a concealed weapon, including any business establishment that does not post a sign that firearms are permitted there.

The US Supreme Court has unequivocally confirmed that the constitution “protects an individual’s right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.” While the Supreme Court has not expressly established a list of “sensitive places,” it explicitly warned against “expanding the category of ‘sensitive places’ simply to all places of public congregation.” That is exactly what this bill does. It prohibits virtually every public place and in order to comply, a CCW holder would need to research and carefully preplan every place they wish to park or travel on a daily basis.

This bill also addresses the wrong variable in the gun violence equation. Numerous studies indicate that CCW holders are significantly less likely to commit crimes than the general public. The fact that they participate in the permitting process at all is indicative of their inclination for compliant and responsible gun ownership. Sadly, this bill fails to address the individuals most likely to commit violent acts with a firearm which are those who obtain their firearms illegally.

I respectfully request that you veto SB-2, and I thank you for your time to read this letter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto  
Senate, 32<sup>nd</sup> District