



April 8, 2025

The Honorable Diane Papan, Chair
Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 160
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1316 (Addis) – Hunting Licenses and Firearms Information – OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Papan:

The California Waterfowl Association respectfully requests that you oppose AB 1316 (Addis), which would require the inclusion of certain information on firearm laws with the sale of a hunting license.

Our Association opposes this bill because it would create another unfunded mandate on the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), especially if DFW would need to modify its Automated License Data System. Most likely, the funding necessary to implement AB 1316's requirements would be taken from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, which is already over-subscribed. The end result would be less funding available for wildlife conservation work, which includes enforcement of fish and game laws.

We also question the need for AB 1316. Hunter education, which includes instruction in firearm safety, is already required of anyone seeking a hunting license in California. This includes a requirement to take a 10-hour course and pass a comprehensive exam. In light of this longstanding regulation and other existing hunter safety laws, hunting accidents are exceedingly rare and almost never involve members of the non-hunting public.

For these reasons, please oppose AB 1316 when it is considered by your committee.

Sincerely,

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