



September 17, 2013

The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor
State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 180 (Bonta) – REQUEST FOR VETO

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) urges you to veto AB 180 (Bonta), which would allow the City of Oakland to enact a local ordinance that would regulate the registration or licensing of firearms.

CWA opposes this measure because it would undermine the statewide regulation of the registration/licensing of firearms (a field of law which is currently fully occupied by the State Penal Code) and ultimately lead to a patchwork of inconsistent local laws. In doing so, it would further add to the complexity of firearms laws in California, leading to unnecessary confusion for gun owners, increased firearm regulations and higher enforcement costs. In particular, AB 180 would create a disincentive for residents of Oakland to participate in hunting and other recreational shooting activities by subjecting them to additional requirements and regulations.

It should be noted that state law recently required the registration of both shotguns and rifles (per AB 809 (Feuer) in 2011), but that there has neither been adequate time nor a meaningful, peer reviewed study to determine its full impact. Allowing a local entity to enact its own registration requirements so soon after statewide registration was already mandated is therefore unnecessary.

For these reasons, please veto AB 180.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hennelly". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Hennelly, Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Public Policy
California Waterfowl Association

Cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, Assembly Member, 18th District