



April 4, 2024

The Honorable Lisa Calderon, Chair
Assembly Committee on Insurance
1020 N Street, Room 369
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to AB 3067 (Gipson) – Residential Property Insurance: Firearms

Dear Chair Calderon:

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) respectfully urges your opposition to AB 3067 (Gipson), which would require an insurer to include questions on an application for renters' or homeowners' insurance regarding the presence and storage of firearms kept in the house or on the property.

This misguided and unnecessary legislation infringes on the privacy of legal gun owners by deputizing insurance agents to create a firearms registry which will do nothing to enhance public safety. Further, for this information to be collected by insurance companies is invasive and unnecessary for determining insurance, and will likely lead to increased costs or outright denial of insurance.

Hunters and other legal gun owners already face a myriad of gun regulations that are rarely found in other states, including background checks on ammunition purchases, limitations on how many guns they may purchase each month, prohibitions on firearm and ammunition sales on state property, and arbitrary bans on firearm models that are labeled unsafe or as assault weapons. In addition, they incur significant firearm-related fees or other costs, including a new 11% excise tax beginning July 1, 2024 on the sale of all firearms and ammunition.

In a state that passed the first of its kind legislation granting residents the right to direct a business to not sell or share their personal information at any time, AB 3067 will require a third-party company will collect and report personal information to the Department of Insurance and the Legislature without any details about how the data will be used and stored. The information collected will be vulnerable to hacking or unauthorized access, potentially leading to the targeting of gun owners or their property.

On June 27 and June 28, 2022, confidential personal data of roughly 192,000 individuals who applied for a concealed carry weapons (CCW) permit from approximately 2012-2021 were publicly disclosed by the Department of Justice. This was a gross violation of records, subjected the state to numerous lawsuits which are still pending, and exposed thousands of Californian's to potential threats of burglary and harassment.

AB 3067 would do nothing to reduce gun violence, which is most often committed by repeat criminals who are unlikely to accurately report the required information. It is harrsament of the legal and law abiding segment of the gun owning population in California, nothing more. It will further create

obstacles and barriers to those in California who enjoy outdoor recreation in the form of hunting, and further lead to the erosion of licensed hunters in our state.

For all of these reasons, please oppose AB 3067 when it is heard by your Assembly Insurance Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Hennelly". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Hennelly, Vice President of Advocacy
California Waterfowl Association