

March 22, 2013



The Honorable Tom Ammiano, Chair
Assembly Public Safety Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 48 (Skinner) – OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Ammiano:

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) urges you to oppose AB 48 (Skinner), which would require someone furnishing ammunition to another person or business to first (1) obtain proper identification from the purchaser, (2) be an authorized firearms dealer and (3) submit a report to the Department of Justice.

AB 48 would place an unreasonable burden on hunters and other sportspeople who wish to voluntarily transfer ammunition between themselves for legitimate sporting purposes. This includes commonly occurring transfers of small amounts of ammunition in the field or at a shooting range, for example. In addition, the bill would make it much more difficult for young people who cannot legally purchase ammunition on their own to actively participate in hunting and related activities, which conflicts with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and many conservation nonprofits' continuing efforts to encourage greater youth participation in the outdoors.

It should also be noted that, while the transfer of firearms is already highly regulated, there are a number of exceptions provided in state law, including, but not limited to, temporary loans of firearms for sporting purposes and firearm transfers between family members. However, other than providing a limited exception for law enforcement officers, AB 48's ammunition transfer requirements offer no such flexibility.

For these reasons, please oppose AB 48 when it is considered before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Hennelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

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

Cc: Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee
The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Assembly Member, 15th District
The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor, State of California