



June 19, 2013

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

RE: SB 299 (DeSaulnier) – OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Ammiano:

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) urges you to oppose SB 299 (DeSaulnier), which would impose criminal penalties on any firearm owner who fails to report the theft or loss of a firearm within 48 hours.

While we appreciate the intent of the author to aid law enforcement in tracking stolen or lost firearms, SB 299 would unreasonably and unnecessarily increase the criminal liability of hunters and other firearm owners. Rather than appropriately assisting victims of theft, the measure wrongly penalizes them a second time. We would instead urge the author to investigate ways to incentivize gun owners or make it easier for them to report a theft or loss of their firearm(s).

Please also note that SB 299 allows a local government entity to impose additional penalties or requirements. This provision would undermine the longstanding statewide regulation of firearms, and would only further complicate existing firearm regulations by creating an inconsistent patchwork of local laws.

For these reasons, please oppose SB 299 when it is considered before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Hennelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Cc: Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee
The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier, Senator, 7th District
The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor, State of California