



BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF

SCOTT A. MACKENZIE
SHERIFF-CORONER

December 6, 2000

Mr. Donald M. Bird

Corning, CA 96021

Dear Mr. Bird:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 21, 2000 regarding infringement of our Second Amendment rights.

As a lifetime member of the NRA and the California Rifle and Pistol Association, I, too, am very concerned about state and federal gun legislation that infringes on our right to keep and bear arms. As you know, our Second Amendment rights are incrementally being taken away from us by legislators who state they are doing this for our public safety. I believe they are supporting that type of legislation under the guise of public safety only to promote their agenda of ultimate confiscation.

→ I have enclosed some letters that I sent in opposition to SB 15 and SB 23 that I thought you might find interesting. As a constitutional officer of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, I have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of the State of California and the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I intend to do just that.

Thank you for your very enlightening letter. If you have any questions or if I can assist you in any way, feel free to contact me at any time.

I stand committed to the principles and ideals of our Constitution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott A. Mackenzie".

Scott A. Mackenzie
Sheriff-Coroner

SAM:jlw

Enclosures



**BUTTE COUNTY
SHERIFF**

SB 23-

SCOTT A. MACKENZIE
SHERIFF-CORONER

March 26, 1999

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing this letter in opposition to Senate Bill 23 authored by Senator Don Perata. This bill is an absolute infringement on our Second Amendment Rights and ultimately will make criminals out of law abiding citizens. SB23 penalizes the good citizens of Butte County and of this State and will do nothing toward crime prevention. We should be focusing our efforts on the prosecution of individuals that utilize firearms in the commission of crimes.

A famous quote of an individual that disarmed a society is as follows: "This year will go in history." For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future." - Adolph Hitler 1935.

Gun control is not the answer to reduce crime. I strongly urge you not to support Senate Bill 23.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott A. Mackenzie".

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Sheriff-Coroner

SAM:hw



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May 5, 1999

Honorable Gray Davis
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 15 (Polanco). The only thing that this measure would accomplish is the erosion of the law abiding citizens' right to own firearms.

Additionally, this bill would discriminate against those that are economically less fortunate and would not otherwise be able to purchase a handgun for self defense. There is no such thing as a "Saturday night special" that fits any particular category of handgun. Senate Bill 15, in part, describes a Saturday night special as an overall frame length of less than 4½ inches, a barrel length less than 3 inches and other varying requirements that describe some very expensive and well made handguns. By enacting this bill, you will not only be eliminating the use and availability of expensive and well made handguns, but some of the most popular handguns currently in use by law abiding citizens.

As a hunter, sport shooter, FBI certified firearms instructor, chief range master and firearm instructor for a law enforcement academy, a 26 year law enforcement veteran and Sheriff-Coroner of Butte County, I can in no way support Senate Bill 15.

You may not have a background in firearms as many people do in northern California, and, therefore, you may have been misled by the anti-gun groups that wish to eliminate all firearms with total disregard to our Second Amendment rights.

Instead of focusing on the restriction or elimination of firearms, I suggest that you focus on tough, harsh penalties for those who use firearms in the commission of crimes.

Senate Bill 15 will not accomplish a safer society. It will only help the anti-gun groups to accomplish their hidden agenda of eroding away and ultimately eliminating our Second Amendment rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott A. Mackenzie", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott A. Mackenzie
Sheriff-Coroner

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