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Subject: Secure storage of firearms
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Dear Mayor and Council—you may have received the correspondence below regarding our safe storage agenda item for Monday.

Please note that the Ordinance is not “highly unenforceable” as similar ordinances have been upheld by both California Courts and Federal Courts. While it may be difficult to enforce that doesn’t mean that the City can’t and won’t enforce nor does it mean this Ordinance isn’t worthwhile. The recitals in the Ordinance state numerous studies that show the dangers of unsecured guns including, an analysis published by ‘Everytown for Gun Safety’ in 2014 found that over a one-year period spanning 2012-2013, at least 100 children were killed in unintentional shootings amounting to nearly two each week, and the same analysis also found that 70% of shooting deaths involving children could have been prevented if the firearm had been stored locked and unloaded.” In my opinion if this Ordinance helps prevent a single death then it’s worthwhile. **This will provide PPD another tool when they respond to domestic violence cases or other situations where PPD enters homes and view a firearm not being properly stored.**

Regarding a rebate program for the gun storage containers and trigger locks, our goal is to remove guns from homes and is why PPD implements a gun buy back program, rather than incentivizing the purchase of more guns with trigger locks and storage rebates. Unsurprisingly, studies have shown that homes without guns are less likely to have gun related injuries.

Additionally, the adoption of this Ordinance should incentivize people to ensure trigger locks and appropriate storage knowing that they could receive an administrative or criminal citation for not complying.

Please let us know if you have additional questions or need clarification.

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Hello President Paun and Vice President Gen,

I'm Stefan Perez, chairman of the California Rifle and Pistol Association - Sonoma County chapter. You may be aware that the city of Petaluma is introducing an ordinance for safe storage of firearms on Monday, December 19th. Their decision to introduce this was partially inspired by Petaluma schools' resolution to safe storage in the home, which was a great move towards child safety in the community.

However, city council members have voiced concern that adoption of this new ordinance is highly unenforceable. That is why I am proposing a city rebate program for gun safes and trigger locks to incentivize gun owning parents to voluntarily get on board with this ordinance.

My hope is that with the support of Petaluma schools and Moms Demand Action, our chapter can present this program to city council for inclusion with ordinance adoption. Not only would it lesson the cost for gunowners but it also makes the city put their money where their mouth is when it comes to children's safety.

Paying to put gun safe in hands is more effective than an unenforceable ordinance, I think.

More broadly, I believe this can show a willingness between gun control advocates, 2nd amendment advocates, and educators to work together to address common sense solutions to preventable gun injuries and gun deaths in the community.

Thank you for reading and hope to hear back,

-Stefan

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