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To the Citizens of California:

California Correctional Peace Officers Association joins with other law enforcement organizations throughout the state and country in opposing the so-called "Safety for All Act" ballot initiative proposal. Peace Officers throughout California oppose this ballot initiative because it will do more harm than good.

The more than 30,000 correctional peace officers working inside California's prisons and youth facilities, and the state's parole agents who supervise inmates after their release, are constantly under threat from the worst criminals in society. They need more support to protect themselves and the public. By depriving our members of the tools they need to do their job, i.e., the magazines that come standard with their side arms, and by making it more difficult for them to procure ammunition, this initiative lessens our ability to protect ourselves and the public.

The CCPOA mission since 1957 has been to promote and enhance the correctional profession, protect the safety of those engaged in corrections and advocate for the laws, funding and policies needed to improve prison operations and protect public safety. CCPOA believes that this initiative does not further any of those goals but instead works against them.

The passage of Proposition 47, the (Safe Neighborhood Act) was devastating to public safety by releasing violent and habitual offenders from prison. This initiative, like Proposition 47, will do the very opposite of what is needed to make Californians safe. The idea to "get guns off the street" by targeting law abiding gun owners is just as misguided. In addition, the passage of this initiative will cost taxpayers millions of dollars in litigation as it clearly violates the second amendment of the US constitution.

The waste of millions of tax dollars on such misguided initiatives could be better used to hire more public safety officers and enforce existing gun laws, thus having a greater impact on reducing crime.

CCPOA vehemently opposes this initiative.

Sincerely,

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