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The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer
Co-Chair, Assembly Special Committee – CA Attorney General Appointment
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone
Co-Chair, Assembly Special Committee – CA Attorney General Appointment
State Capitol, Room 4146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Congressman Xavier Becerra Appointment as California Attorney General (Oppose)

Dear Assembly Members Jones-Sawyer and Stone

On behalf of the National Rifle Association (NRA), and its hundreds of thousands of members in California, I write to express our opposition to the confirmation of U. S. Representative Xavier Becerra.

California's Attorney General heads the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and serves as the state's top law enforcement official and attorney, overseeing more than 4,500 employees. The Bureau of Firearms operates as part of DOJ and is responsible for all things related to firearms in California. It's imperative that the next Attorney General respect the constitutionally protected Second Amendment rights of the citizens of California and not use the office to further diminish them.

Congressman Becerra's voting record is of great concern to our members, as someone who is biased against hunting and Second Amendment-related issues. In reviewing his record in Congress over the past 23 years, we have found that Congressman Becerra has consistently voted against hunting and Second Amendment-related issues. Given this record we are concerned that this clear disfavor for our rights could carry over into policies, regulations and legal interpretations.

California has already suffered from an Attorney General who has not worked in the favor of the law abiding gun owners and sportsman and at many times seemingly gone out of her way to work against them. Most recently "emergency" regulations were filed on the Friday before the Christmas weekend and again another set of regulations were filed on the Friday before the New Year. With more regulations expected due to an unprecedented attack on the second amendment in the 2016 session, it is critical that the next Attorney General respect the rights of our law-abiding citizens and help facilitate clear policies in a transparent and inclusive process.

We ask that you be diligent in the confirmation proceedings and ensure that the next California Attorney General be one that respects all rights, including Second Amendment rights. If Congressman Becerra is unable to respect the rights of the citizens of California and not committed to operate in a transparent fashion with sound policies and regulations, that you oppose his confirmation and continue to search for someone who respects one's inherent right to self-defense for this important position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Reid". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being the most prominent part.

Daniel S. Reid