



March 25, 2018

Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chairman
Assembly Public Safety Committee
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: SB 55 (Jackson) Firearms: prohibited persons – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Skinner:

The California Waterfowl Association regrets that it must oppose SB 55 (Jackson), which has been assigned to your committee.

California Waterfowl restores wetlands and maximizes the food and habitat value of existing wetlands for both local breeding populations and migratory waterfowl. California Waterfowl believes that hunters are the driving force for wetland conservation. CWA works to ensure that Californians have adequate access to hunting lands, and that regulations and laws don't stifle responsible, ethical hunting.

While California Waterfowl agrees that persons who commit crimes of gun violence or threaten to do so should be subject to prohibition from possessing firearms for a specified period of time, California Waterfowl does not agree that the prohibition should be extended to persons convicted of crimes that do not necessarily involve gun violence or the threat of gun violence. Multiple convictions for alcohol or drug related offenses should not be included in the list of crimes triggering prohibition of possession of firearms, unless the crimes committed involved the criminal use of a firearm.

California Waterfowl urges your "No" vote on this bill. If you would like further information about California Waterfowl and its conservation programs, please contact Jeffrey Volberg at (916) 217-5117 or jvolberg@calwaterfowl.org or Mark Hennelly at (916) 648-1406 or mhennelly@calwaterfowl.org.

Sincerely,

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CC: Members of the Senate Public Safety Committee