



March 25, 2019

Assembly Member Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Chair
Committee on Public Safety
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1064 (Muratsuchi): Firearms dealers: conduct of business.
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing the over 5,000 board-certified pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide, strongly supports proposed legislation AB 1064 (Muratsuchi) prohibiting gun sales in residences and hotels and requiring businesses where gun sales take place to be monitored by a video surveillance system.

Gun violence is among the greatest public health crises facing California children and youth. As of 2012, adolescents between 15 and 24 years of age were the most likely group to suffer a firearm-related death in the state of California. As such, it is imperative that we do all within our power to reduce and prevent firearm violence. This includes removing firearm sales from residential settings where children might be present, as well as maintaining comprehensive recordings of all gun sales so that law enforcement is better able to track firearms.

AB 1064 (Muratsuchi) would improve the safety of California children and youth by clarifying that residences and hotels may not be used as places of business for the sale of firearms, while also stipulating that all sites where gun sales are conducted must be subject to video surveillance that includes audio recording.

Pediatricians across the state of California urge an AYE vote on AB 1064 (Muratsuchi). Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of the children, youth, and families of California.

Sincerely,

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District Vice-Chair
American Academy of Pediatrics, California

Cc: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi; AAP-CA Leadership