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Governor Gavin Newsom  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2061 (Limón): Firearms: Inspections**  
**AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing the over 5,000 pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly supports proposed legislation AB 2061 (Limón) as amended on May 4, 2020. This bill would allow the Department of Justice to inspect firearms dealers, ammunition vendors, or manufacturers participating in a gun show or event in order to ensure that all transfers or sales are conducted in compliance with applicable state and local laws.

Gun violence is among the greatest public health crises facing children and youth. Nearly 7,000 children younger than 18 are killed or wounded by gunshots each year. Firearm-related deaths are the third leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 17, outpaced only by death from car crashes and drownings and illnesses like cancer.

It is imperative that we do all within our power to reduce gun violence. The American Academy of Pediatrics states, “We can start by working to advance meaningful legislation that keeps children safe. The American Academy of Pediatrics advocates for stronger state and federal gun laws that protect children, including stronger background checks, solutions addressing firearm trafficking, and encouraging safe firearm storage.”

Currently, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has the authority to inspect the records of some vendors at gun shows, but not all. AB 2061 would ensure that all vendors at California gun shows are subject to the Department of Justice's inspection authority regardless of what they sell.

Pediatricians across the state respectfully request your signature on AB 2061. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Katherine Williamson, MD, FAAP".

Katherine Williamson MD FAAP  
Governing Board Member  
American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: Kris Calvin, CEO AAP California