

United States Senate

June 28, 2022

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
President pro Tempore, State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senate President Pro Tempore Atkins and Speaker Rendon:


We are deeply disappointed by last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision, *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, which will overturn state efforts to protect Americans from gun violence—such as California's robust requirements for obtaining a concealed carry permit. We know that you share our frustration with the decision. We commend your efforts to ensure that California is quickly and appropriately responding to the Supreme Court's decision and we fully support the swift passage of SB 918 to replace the state law called into question by *Bruen*.

As you know, California has the toughest gun laws in the nation. These laws help protect Californians from the epidemic of gun violence. Invalidating these laws, as the *Bruen* decision will do, will hamper California's ability to reduce gun violence.


California's rigorous process for acquiring a concealed carry permit has helped save lives. Given the U.S. Supreme Court's action, it is essential for the legislature to respond swiftly and forcefully to replace California's concealed carry permitting regime.

To that end, we are pleased to see that the legislature, the Attorney General, and the Governor have diligently prepared for this moment and are ready to advance meaningful legislation as soon as this week. Time is of the essence, and revising California's concealed carry permitting regime is critical in ensuring protections for Californians from gun violence. We thank you for your work and ask you to move forward with this replacement legislation without delay.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Alex Padilla
United States Senator

cc: Attorney General Bonta
Governor Newsom