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The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

**SENATE BILL 1916 - SUPPORT
AS INTRODUCED ON OCTOBER 4, 2017
AUTOMATIC GUNFIRE PROTECTION ACT**

I am writing to let you know I am joining Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV), the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and millions of Americans in supporting your Senate Bill 1916, the Automatic Gunfire Protection Act.

Under the current National Firearms Act, the sale, manufacture and transfer of automatic weapons are illegal. However, bump stocks, slide fire devices and other similar accessories are able to be attached to semi-automatic weapons, allowing them to reach fully automatic rates of fire.

As you so noted in your press conference, semi-automatic rifles typically have a rate of fire between 45-60 rounds per minute. A bump stock, or other similar device increases the semi-automatic rifle's rate of fire between 400 and 800 rounds per minute.

Although national attention to the issue of "bump stocks" came to light after the tragic mass shooting which took place in Las Vegas, this trend is growing. According to a recent report by George Mason University and noted by the Los Angeles Times, these types of weapons are showing up more often not only in mass shootings, but in ordinary crimes of violence and attacks on law

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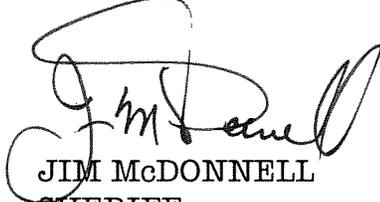
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enforcement. This is unacceptable and we must work together to do something about it.

Senate Bill 1916 takes a responsible and balanced approach to addressing this dangerous trend. The bill would ban the sale, transfer, importation, manufacture, or possession of bump stocks, trigger cranks, and similar accessories that accelerate a semi-automatic rifle's rate of fire. Senate Bill 1916, however, allows that legitimate accessories used by hunters would be exempt, as well as allowing exceptions for the lawful possession of these devices by law enforcement and the government.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this in further detail, please feel free to contact me directly at (213) 229-3000.

Sincerely,



JIM McDONNELL
SHERIFF