



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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The Honorable Buffy Wicks  
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### **ASSEMBLY BILL 2156 (WICKS) SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wicks:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2156.

AB 2156 reduces the number of firearms that a person, firm, or corporation may manufacture in a calendar year without having a state license to manufacture firearms from 50 to 3. It also prohibits a person, firm, or corporation from using a three-dimensional printer to manufacture any firearm, including a frame or receiver, or any firearm precursor part, without having a state license to manufacture firearms.

California has some of the nation's strongest laws governing the sale of firearms, but our laws governing firearm manufacturers have not kept pace. Because of this California has seen a dramatic increase in gun build kits and other related products that allow unlicensed gun makers to circumvent state and federal gun laws by building their own firearms with parts sold through significantly less regulated, unlicensed channels.

Untraceable "homemade" weapons—often called ghost guns because they are sold without traceable sale records or serial numbers—are now a leading source of crime guns in our state.

Individuals and businesses that are required to have a license to manufacture firearms are required to comply with specified responsible business practices that reduce the likelihood that those weapons become crime guns. By requiring more individuals and businesses to obtain a state license to manufacture firearms AB 2156 will hopefully reduce the amount of future gun violence and firearm related homicides.

AB 2156 also closes a loophole in California's gun laws. Under current law, California does not expressly prohibit unlicensed manufacturers from using 3-D printers to manufacture their own firearms or key firearm components. While very few ghost guns

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are currently produced from 3-D printers, developments in 3-D printing technology could soon make this a dangerous and attractive source of weapons for people seeking to circumvent California's laws governing the sale of firearms and gun build kits. Requiring individuals and corporations to obtain a California firearm manufacturer's license to produce firearms using this method will help ensure that 3-D printed guns and firearm components are subject to the same oversight and regulation as traditionally manufactured guns and firearm components.

Our Office thanks you for helping address the epidemic of gun violence and firearm related homicides in California.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gascón", written in a cursive style.

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