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The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Senate Appropriations Committee, Chair  
State Capitol, Room 412  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1842 (RODRIGUEZ)  
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1842 .

AB 1842 provides that a firearms dealer licensee shall not charge a restocking or other return-related fee of more than 5% of the purchase price of a firearm if the buyer decides to cancel the purchase of the firearm during the 10-day background check waiting period.

Studies have shown that waiting period laws reduce firearm suicides by 7-11% and firearm homicides by nearly 17%. However, costly restocking fees deter purchasers who would like to cancel their order after having time to reconsider their purchase.

If during the firearm waiting period, an individual determines they no longer need/want a firearm then California as a State should enact policies that do not deter an individual from returning a firearm. An individual who does not wish to own a firearm is less likely to properly care and secure a firearm. This can lead to accidental discharge and firearm thefts. Stolen firearms frequently end up becoming crime guns.

Our Office is pleased to support policies that reduce the likelihood of unwanted firearms becoming crime guns.

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,

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