



March 30, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

In accordance with your EXECUTIVE ORDER N-33-20, Gun Owners of California requests that you update the enforcement thereof.

You made an exception to the “stay home or at their place of residence” order for those identified “as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>.”

Since then, multiple jurisdictions called for the closing of firearms related businesses as non-essential and have subsequently ordered that gun dealers be closed. Legal challenges have been filed to overturn those orders in multiple jurisdictions.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), which “executes the Secretary of Homeland Security’s authorities to secure critical infrastructure”, and is charged with identifying “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce”, has updated its advisory to all federal, state and local jurisdictions in their most recent advisory: Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response Version 2.0 (March 28, 2020).

In that advisory, CISA has identified “Workers supporting the operation of firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges” as part of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.”

This advisory definitively states that those involved in the firearms industry should be exempt from any requirements that restrict their ability to conduct business, as they serve an essential need to the American public in a time of crisis.

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We therefore respectfully request that you order authorities to cease closing firearms related business throughout California in compliance with your Executive Order and the noted CISA guidelines. Not only would this provide law abiding Californians the right to purchase firearms, but it will also free jurisdictions from expending critical financial resources to fight the legal challenges resulting from store closures. Such local resources would be better spent on fighting the Coronavirus pandemic.

Our sincere prayers are with you as you govern during this time of crisis.

Respectfully,



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