



July 1, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Arreguín
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 6710
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 704 (Arreguín) – Firearm Barrels: Regulation and Oversight—
Support— (As Amended June 25, 2025)**

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Dear Senator Arreguín,

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express our strong support for your bill SB 704. This bill takes important and necessary steps to close a significant loophole in California’s firearm safety laws by regulating the sale, transfer, and possession of firearm barrels—a critical component in the assembly and functionality of firearms.

As amended, SB 704 will, effective January 1, 2027, require that all transactions involving firearm barrels be conducted in person through licensed firearms dealers, accompanied by a background check. This mirrors the existing legal framework surrounding the sale and transfer of other major firearm components and complete firearms. Furthermore, it establishes criminal penalties for individuals who attempt to circumvent these protocols, while providing reasonable exemptions for law enforcement, military personnel, collectors of curios and relics, and transfers involving executors of estates.

This bill is particularly meaningful for local governments like Santa Rosa, which face the public safety consequences of untraceable or illegally assembled firearms—often referred to as “ghost guns.” By expanding regulatory oversight to include barrels that are sold separately or manufactured for later assembly, SB 704 helps ensure these parts do not fall into the wrong hands or evade the state’s robust gun safety laws.

We are especially supportive of the bill’s balanced approach, which provides clear implementation timelines, outlines proper documentation protocols for licensed dealers, and authorizes the Department of Justice to adopt necessary regulations to operationalize the law effectively.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Rosa urges your continued advocacy and leadership on SB 704. We stand ready to support your efforts to enhance public safety and uphold the integrity of California's firearm regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Dane Hutchings or Coby Pizzotti at California Public Policy Group (916) 974-9270.

Sincerely,



Mark Stapp
Mayor, City of Santa Rosa

CC: Members and Staff of the Assembly Committee on Public Safety.
The Honorable Mike McGuire, President Pro Tem of the Senate
The Honorable Damon Connolly, Assembly District 12
The Honorable Chris Rogers, Assembly District 2
Jith Meganathan, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

Thank you for pushing forward this bill!

