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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

STEVEN RUPP, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

XAVIER BECERRA, in his official
capacity as Attorney General of the
State of California,

Defendant.

Case No.: 8:17-cv-00746-JLS-JDE

**DECLARATION OF STEVEN RUPP
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT**

Hearing Date: May 31, 2019
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Courtroom: 10A
Judge: Josephine L. Staton

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Motion for Summary Judgment,
Memorandum of Points and Authorities,
Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and
Conclusions of Law, Request for
Judicial Notice, Declarations of Sean A.
Brady, Steven Dember, Cheryl Johnson,
Christopher Seifert, Alfonso Valencia,
Troy Willis, Michael Jones, Dennis
Martin, and Richard Travis]

DECLARATION OF STEVEN RUPP

I, Steven Rupp, am a plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I make this declaration of my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the truth of the matters set forth herein.

1. I am a current resident of Orange County, California.

2. I am a law-abiding adult who is not prohibited from owning firearms under the laws of the United States or the state of California. I have never been found by any law enforcement agency, any court, or any other government agency to be irresponsible, unsafe, or negligent with firearms in any manner.

3. I own a semi-automatic, center-fire rifle with a non-fixed magazine and a pistol grip, flash suppressor, and adjustable stock, making it an "assault weapon" under the latest amendment to the AWCA. Because this firearm was reclassified as an "assault weapon," I was forced to modify my firearm to ensure it was no longer considered an "assault weapon" and therefore lawful to possess.

4. I also own a frame or "lower receiver" of a firearm that I wish to assemble into a fully functioning semiautomatic, center-fire rifle with a detachable magazine that has a pistol grip, flash suppressor, and adjustable stock, and that is less than 30 but more than 26 inches in overall length.

5. I acquired the firearm with the magazine for use in my home for self-defense and other lawful purposes, like hunting, training, and recreation.

6. I am concerned that if multiple intruders attack me while at home, I will require assembling my firearm frame into such a configuration to effectively protect myself and others in my home.

7. I believe that not being able to immediately assemble my firearm frame into such a configuration will impact my ability to effectively defend myself and others in my home.


8. Because the AWCA bars residents from acquiring, transferring, or possessing "assault weapons", I will be continuously and irreparably harmed by the

1 ongoing deprivation of my individual, fundamental right to possess and use
2 commonly possessed firearms for lawful purposes, including in-home self-defense,
3 without risking criminal prosecution.

4 9. I would also like to acquire new semiautomatic, centerfire rifles with a
5 detachable magazine, having one or more of the features that is prohibited by the
6 AWCA. Were it not for the prohibitions in the AWCA, and the fear of prosecution
7 for violating it, I would do so.

8 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
9 Executed within the United States on March 25, 2019.

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Steven Rupp
Declarant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Case Name: *Rupp, et al. v. Becerra*
Case No.: 8:17-cv-00746-JLS-JDE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of:

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on the following party by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed March 25, 2019.

/s/Laura Palmerin
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