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VIA TRUEFILING

Honorable Brian Cotta
Clerk, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District
2424 Ventura Street
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RE: *Villanueva v. Becerra*, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, Case No.
F078062

Dear Mr. Cotta:

In accordance with Rule 8.254 of the California Rules of Court, we write to inform the Court of new legislation directly relevant to this appeal. On August 6, 2020, various amendments to the definition of “assault weapon” provided in California Penal Code section 30515 took effect. *See* Stats. 2020, ch. 29 (Senate Bill 118), § 38. As relates to this appeal, subdivision (a)(7) of section 30515 now provides that an “assault weapon” includes “[a] semiautomatic shotgun that does not have a fixed magazine.” This provision formerly read, “[a] semiautomatic shotgun that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine.” This amendment of Penal Code section 30515, subdivision (a)(7), is relevant to the arguments on pages 18, 21, 26, and 39-42 of Appellants’ Opening Brief; pages 38-43 of Respondents’ Brief; and pages 12-13, 22, and 28-37 of Appellants’ Reply Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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Case Name: ***Villanueva, Danny, et al. v. Xavier Becerra, et al.***
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 7, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

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Declarant


Signature