DECLARATION OF ANNA M. BARVIR

- 1. I, Anna M. Barvir, am an attorney at the law firm Michel & Associates, P.C., attorneys of record for Plaintiffs in this action. I am licensed to practice law before the United States District Court for the Central District of California. I am also admitted to practice before the Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of California, as well as the courts of the state of California, the Supreme Court of the United States, and the D.C., Fourth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeals. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if called and sworn as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. On July 18, 2022, I e-mailed Deputy Attorney General Kevin J. Kelly via email to inform him of Plaintiffs' intention to file a motion for preliminary injunction, as well as an ex parte application for an order shortening time to hear Plaintiffs' anticipated preliminary injunction motion. The Court has not yet ruled on Plaintiffs' ex parte application, and Mr. Kelly stated that his client would oppose Plaintiffs' it.
- 3. On or about July 19, 2022, I visited the New York Times website and viewed and saved a copy of Anna North, *Marketing Guns to Children*, N.Y. Times (Feb. 19, 2016), *available at* https://archive.nytimes.com/takingnote.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/02/19/marketing-guns-to-children/. A true and correct copy is attached hereto as **Exhibit 28**.
- 4. On or about July 19, 2022, I visited and viewed the official Twitter feed of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, the author of Assembly Bill 2571. From there, I viewed and saved a copy of Press Release, *Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan's Legislation to Regulate Gun Advertisements Targeting Children Heads to the Governor* (June 30, 2022), *available at* https://twitter.com/BauerKahan/status/ 1542571180883730433. A true and correct copy is attached hereto as **Exhibit 29.**
- 5. On or about July 19, 2022, I visited the official website of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, the author of Assembly Bill 2571. From

1	there, I viewed and saved a copy of Press Release, Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan
2	Introduces Legislation to Regulate Manipulative Gun Advertisements Targeting
3	Children (Feb. 18, 2022), available at https://a16.asmdc.org/press-
4	releases/20220218-assemblymember-bauer-kahan-introduces-legislation-regulate-
5	manipulative-gun. A true and correct copy is attached hereto as Exhibit 30.
6	6. On or about July 13, 2022, I visited and viewed the official Twitter
7	feeds of Governor Gavin Newsom and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.
8	From there, I searched for "tweets" wherein they referenced Assembly Bill 2571 or
9	AB 2571. I then saved a copy of each "tweet" search result. A true and correct copy
10	of a collection relevant "tweets" from Governor Gavin Newsom and
11	Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is attached hereto as Exhibit 31.
12	7. On or about July 19, 2022, I visited https://wildlife.ca.gov/ , the official
13	website for the State of California, Department of Fish & Wildlife. From there, I
14	navigated to the page for "California Hunter Education" and viewed and saved a
15	copy of State of California – Department of Fish & Wildlife DFW Form 1043:
16	Student Consent. A true and correct copy is attached hereto as Exhibit 32.
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18	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
19	Executed within the United States on July 19, 2022
20	s/ Anna M. Barvir
21	Anna M. Barvir
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Taking Note The Editorial Page Editor's Blog Marketing Guns to Children

By Anna North February 19, 2016 10:05 am

The gun industry markets a variety of products explicitly to children, a new report shows, from armed stuffed animals to lighter versions of rifles. And some see kids as a vital group of future gun buyers who need to be brought into the fold at a young age.

The report, called "Start Them Young" and issued on Thursday by the Violence Policy Center, lists a variety of firearms meant at least partly for children. It mentions the Crickett rifle, a gun made for children by the company Keystone Sporting Arms. Keystone's website and some of its merchandise bear the image of "Davey Crickett," a gun-wielding cartoon insect. The company sells Davey Crickett hats, dog tags and pins, as well as a Davey Crickett Beanie Baby, listed as "not for children under three years of age."

Keystone's website also sells books featuring "Little Jake," a boy who uses his gun to bring down a bear and save an African village from a marauding elephant. The publisher of the books says Little Jake is actually older than he looks: "Little Jake is a fictional character in his late teens. While small in stature so that young children may relate to him, Little Jake is old enough to hunt and fish safely on his own without adult supervision."

"Start Them Young" also cites the rise of .22-caliber versions of higher-caliber rifles, often produced with lightweight materials. According to an article in the trade magazine Shooting Sports Retailer, "these guns bring the coolness and fun of the tactical rifle to kids and less serious shooters." The website of the retailer Gander Mountain describes one such weapon thus: "Designed for the indoor range and the youth shooter, this Carbon15 .22 LR Rimfire lightweight is sure to add new dimensions to your Bushmaster shooting pleasure. Operational controls are functionally and ergonomically identical to AR-15 type rifles."

The report makes the case that the gun industry and some gun-rights advocates see putting guns in the hands of children as a crucial recruitment move. In a 2012 report, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the gun industry's trade association, explicitly recommended that gun manufacturers market to children: "To help hunting and target shooting get a head start over other activities, stakeholders such as managers and manufacturers should target programs toward youth 12 years old and younger. This is the time that youth are being targeted with competing activities." An online ad for a Marlin XT rifle features a father and son and boasts, "FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR SPORT, IT'S THE MOST POWERFUL FIREARM ON EARTH." And the editorin-chief of the magazine Junior Shooters wrote in 2012:

Each person who is introduced to the shooting sports and has a positive experience is another vote in favor of keeping our American heritage and freedom alive. They may not be old enough to vote now, but they will be in the future. And think about how many lives they will come in contact with that they can impact!

In 2015, at least 282 people were accidentally shot by a child under 18, according to the group Everytown for Gun Safety. This year, the count is already up to 33.

And while weapons designed for children may be lighter, they are still deadly — "Start Them Young" notes that a five-year-old Kentucky boy accidentally killed his two-year-old sister with a Crickett rifle in April 2013. He had gotten the gun as a birthday present.

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Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan's Legislation to Regulate Gun Advertisements Targeting Children Heads to the Governor

AB 2571 would prohibit the dangerous advertising of firearms to children and youth.

For Immediate Release
June 30, 2022
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Sacramento, CA – Today, AB 2571 by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), which prohibits marketing firearms to children, passed the Assembly Floor on concurrence with a vote of 56 -14 This bill is part of Governor Newsom's priority package of gun control measures, which will go into effect immediately upon his signature.

"Guns are not toys-- they are deadly weapons," said Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan. "California has some of the strongest gun laws in the country and it is unconscionable that we still allow advertising weapons of war to our children. Our kids have a right to live long, happy lives, free of gun violence."

Gun manufacturers view children as their next generation of advocates, targeting them with everything from children's books about guns to special smaller weapons designed to make it easier for children to hold and shoot. The advertising for these weapons is completely shameless. Children in California are not allowed to buy or own a gun, yet guns are advertised specifically to children across all forms of media including cartoons, video games, and social media. Gun manufacturers use children's books, mascots, apparel, guns adorned in cartoons, and brightly colored logos to appeal specifically to children and youth.[1] Firearm companies have expanded to advertising on social media platforms in order to connect youth to their gun-selling websites. These platforms include YouTube, Twitter, social media influencers, and streaming services that children disproportionately frequent.

AB 2571 would prohibit firearm manufacturers from continuing their malicious and manipulative marketing programs targeting children and youth. It would allow the California Attorney General or a district attorney, city attorney, or a county counsel in California to bring a civil action for a violation. Additionally, it would prohibit a firearm industry member from using, disclosing, or compiling a minor's personal information if that information is intended to be used for advertising or marketing to that minor.

Gun violence has been cited as the third leading cause of death for Californian children and youth between ages 1-17. In 2021 nationwide, there were approximately 259 unintentional shootings by children, resulting in 104 deaths and 168 injuries.[2] 91% of the victims in these shootings by children were also under 18, often siblings of the children who did the shooting. This violence is pervasive and the trend is rising. Action to keep weapons out of the hands of children is long overdue.

AB 2571 is joint authored by Asm. Mike Gipson (D-Los Angeles), and coauthored by Asm. Jesse Gabriel (D-Woodland Hills), Asm. Christina Garcia (D - Downey), Asm. Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles), and Asm. Phil Ting (D – San Francisco).

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- [1] startthemyoung.pdf (vpc.org)
- [2] https://www.npr.org/2021/08/31/1032725392/guns-death-children

Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan Introduces Legislation to Regulate **Manipulative Gun Advertisements Targeting** Children

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AB 2571 restricts dangerous advertising of firearms to children and youth.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, February 18, 2022

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Sacramento, CA – At a press conference today in San Diego, Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), joined Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta and others in announcing the introduction of AB 2571. AB 2571 seeks to restrict the malicious and manipulative firearms marketing geared towards children and youth. This bill comes at a time where California has experienced a collision of two major public health crises over the past years: COVID-19 and gun violence.

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"California is a leader and one of the states with the strongest gun laws, it is remarkable that we still allow the marketing of weapons of war to our children" said

Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan, "Your children, my three kids, have a right to live long, happy lives, free of gun violence."

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Gun violence has been cited as the third leading cause of death for Californian children and youth between ages 1-17. Approximately 3 million children are directly exposed to gun violence each year- at home, at school, in their communities, and social media. Exposure to gun violence has resulted in children's injuries, emotional trauma, and death.

The gun industry has targeted a younger audience through children's books, mascots, apparel, and guns adorned in cartoons and brightly colored logos to appeal specifically to children and youth.[1] Firearm companies have expanded to advertising on social media platforms to connect youth to their gun selling websites. These platforms include YouTube, Twitter, social media influencers, and streaming services that children and youth disproportionately frequent.

The last time any attempts to regulate firearm marketing was in 2014 through the unsuccessful passage of the federal Children's Firearm Marketing Safety Act. Since then, gun violence by and affecting children has skyrocketed - in 2021 alone there were approximately 259 unintentional shootings by children, resulting in 104 deaths and 168 injuries.[2]

AB 2571 will limit the type of advertising and marketing geared towards children and youth.

"Gun manufacturers are responsible for the killings that result from their marketing of guns specifically to our children- the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary being one of the most egregious examples of this. Gun manufacturers target kids with everything from children's books about guns to special smaller weapons to make it easier for them to hold and shoot. The gun manufacturers are targeting our children to maximize profits, without any concern for the countless lives lost by children to gun violence" said Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan, "Taking away this tool of violent indoctrination from the gun industry is a vital step to ending the cycle of gun violence and protecting California's kids."

At the press conference, Governor Newsom noted, "I have no issue with guns or gun owners. I have serious issues with gun violence. I have serious issues with a company that thinks it's okay to market a JR-15 modeled after a weapon of war, an AR-15 that took the lives of 20 precious first graders and six adults at Sandy Hook, and to promote it with a skull and bone and a pacifier. How the hell do they think that's okay"? "Selling stickers, t-shirts, and hats marketing not a toy gun, but a JR-15, to start them early."

AB 2571 now awaits assignment to committee.

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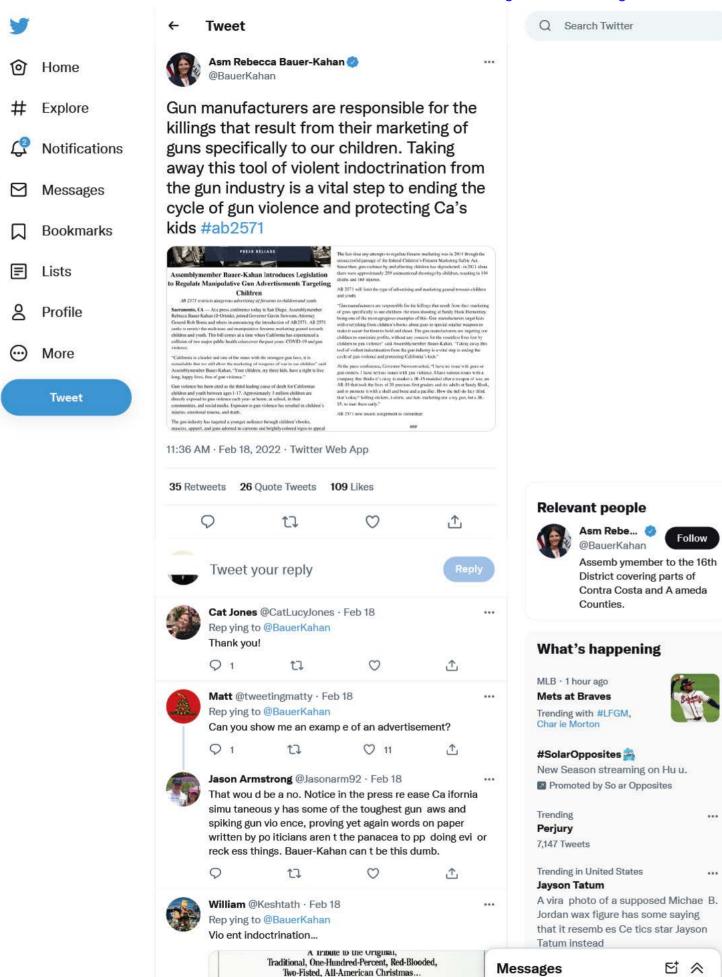
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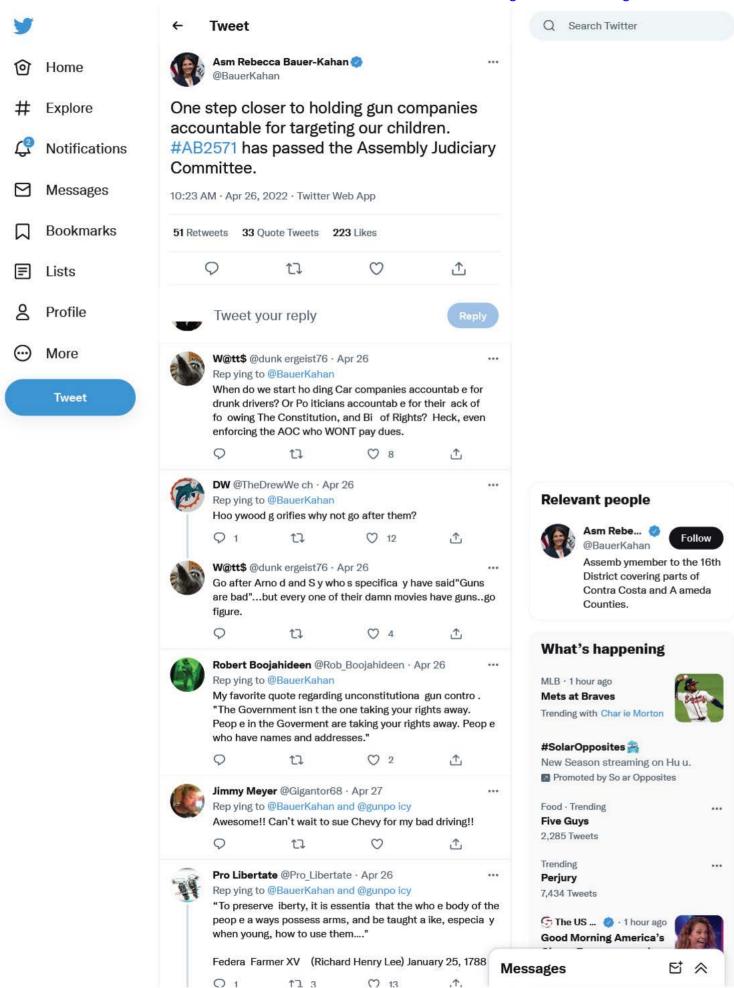
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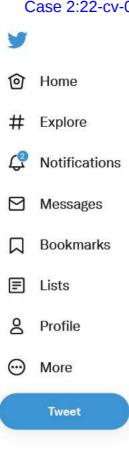
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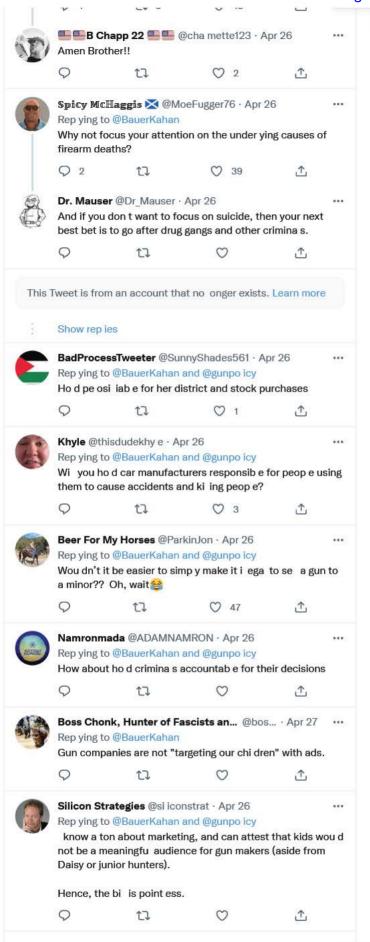
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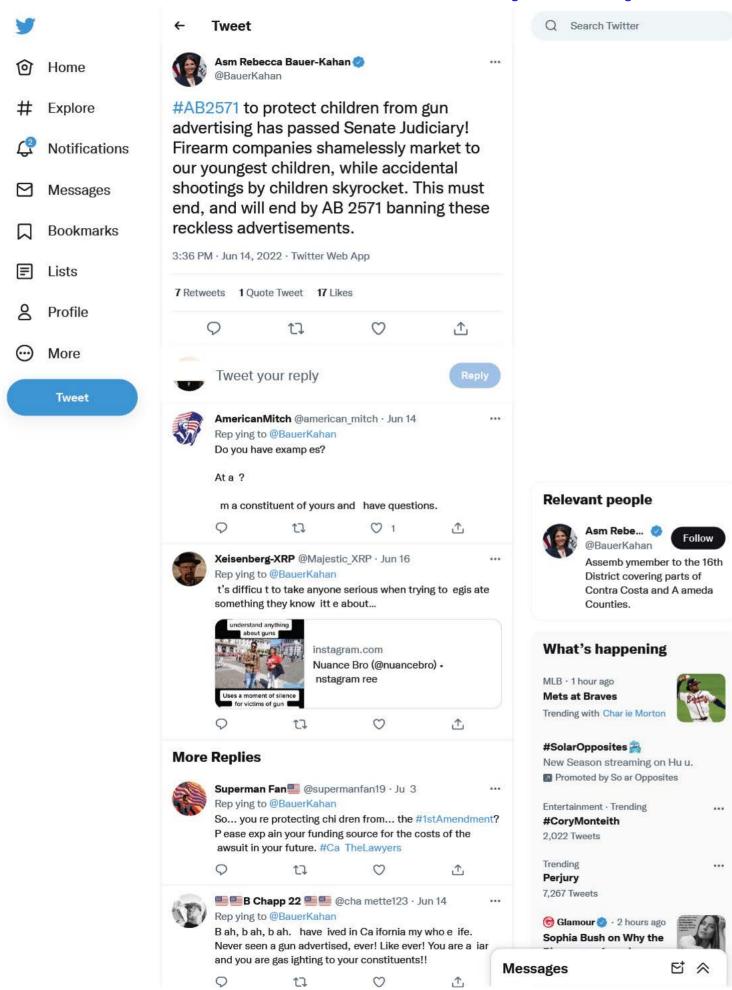


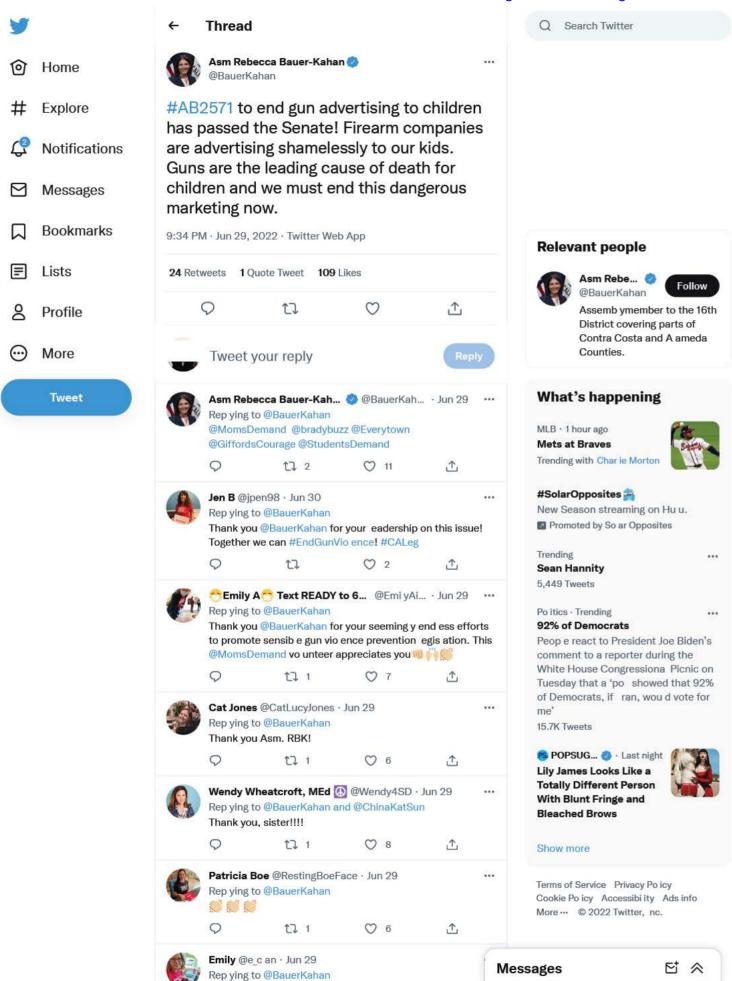


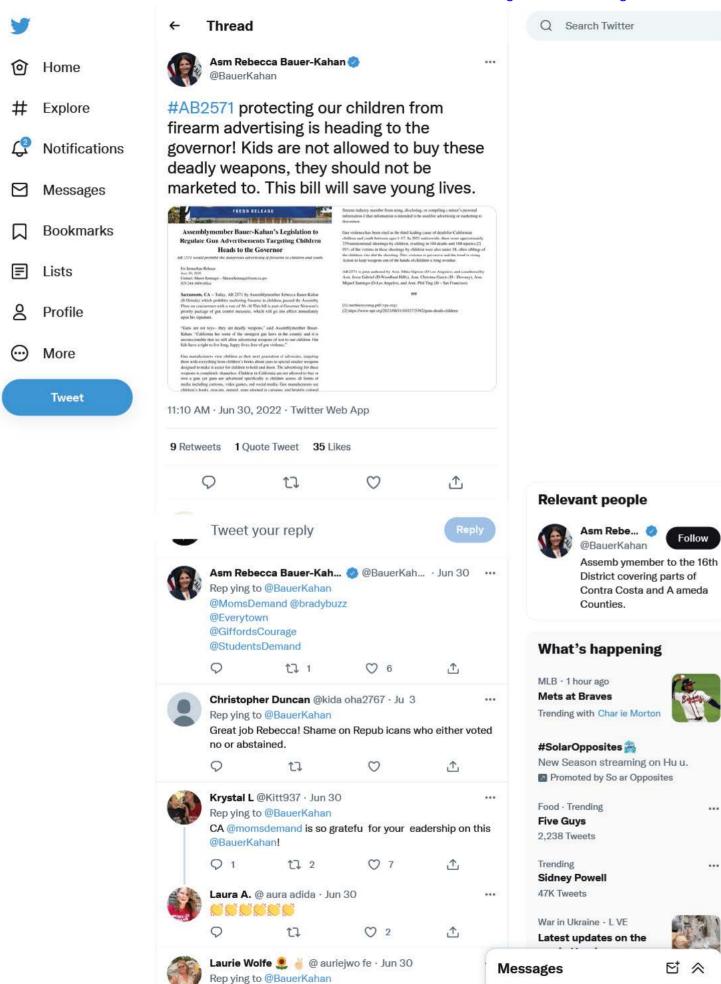


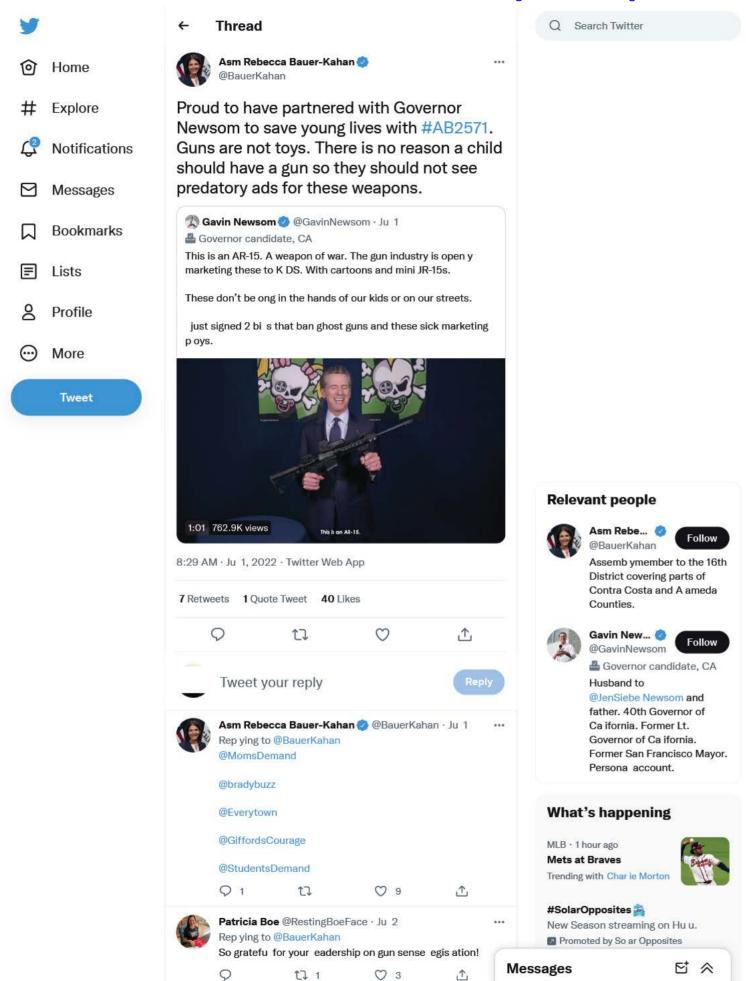
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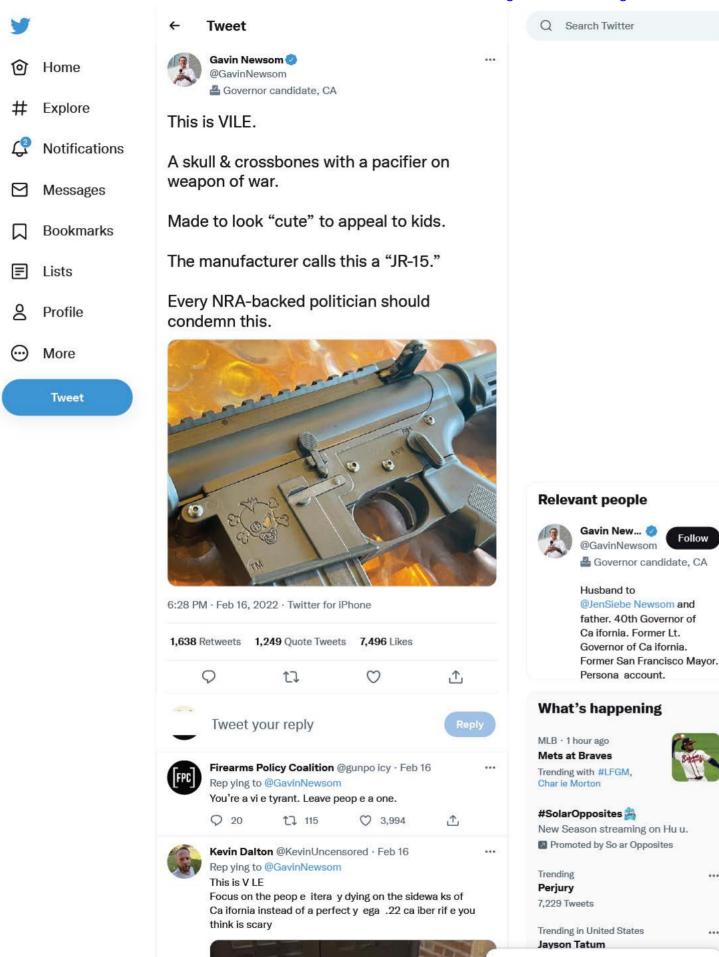
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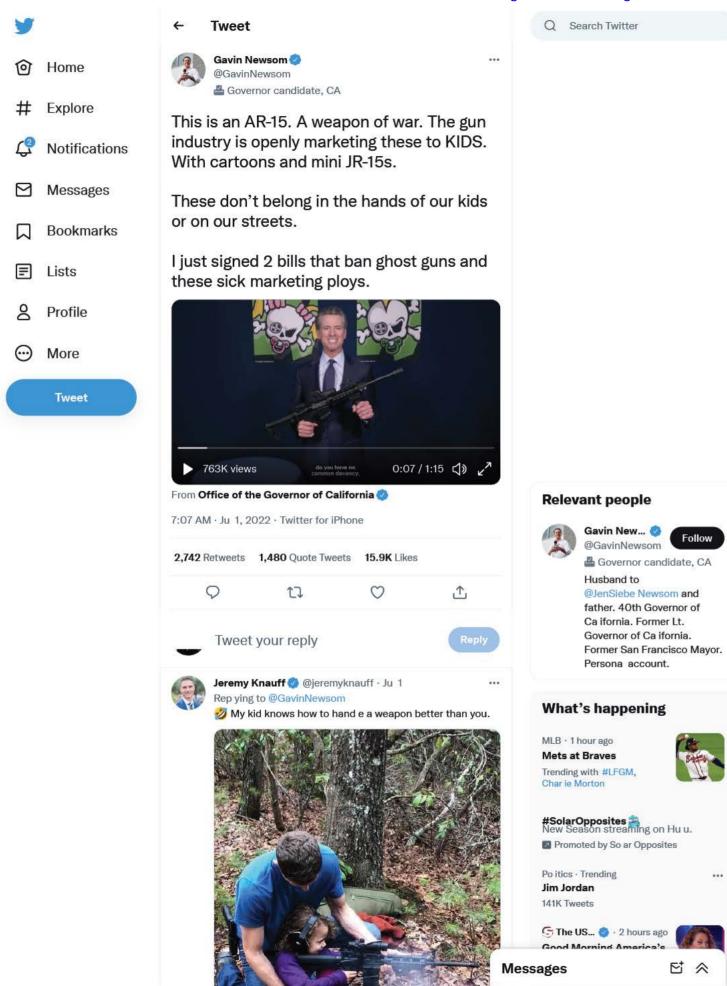






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State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife **STUDENT CONSENT**DFW 1043 (NEW 01/05/17)



This form must be turned in before class begins in order to participate in the class.

Note to Instructor – This form shall be retained for a period of 3 years.

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Provide student name and review release information

STUDENT NAME:

I understand there is an inherent risk in the use of firearms. I hereby RELEASE the State of California, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and all other departments, agencies, commissions, boards, institutions, officials, employees and agents of the State, from any and all liability for any and all causes of actions which I [we] may hereafter have on account of any and all injuries to the participant's person or property, including death, arising out of or related in any way to the Participant's participation in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Course, whether such injury results from the negligence of the State of California, the Department of Fish and Wildlife or any other departments, agencies, commissions, boards, institutions, officials, employees and agents of the State, or from any other cause.

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Based on the student's age, complete Box A Or Box B

A) Student is 17 years old or younger

give my consent for my son/daughter, to participate in this hunter education course and give my express permission for my son/daughter to handle, manipulate and / or use firearms. I have read this release and understand and agree to its terms.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date (mm/dd/yy)

B) Student is 18 years old or older

I have read this release and understand and agree to its terms.

Signature of student

Date (mm/dd/yy)

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Any person is allowed to participate in a Hunter Education course. However, certain individuals are restricted or prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, and/or dangerous weapons because of a court order, prior conviction, immigration status, or other reason.

NOT RESTRICTED – the student named above is NOT restricted or prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, and/or dangerous weapons.

RESTRICTED – the student named above is restricted or prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, and/or dangerous weapons. Speak with the instructor prior to the class.

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 4 Case Name: Junior Sports Magazines, Inc., et al. v. Bonta 2:22-cv-04663-CAS (JCx) Case No.: 5 6 IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT: 7 I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen 8 years of age. My business address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802. 9 10 I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of: 11 DECLARATION OF ANNA M. BARVIR IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' 12 MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION 13 on the following party by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the 14 District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them. 15 Kevin J. Kelly, Deputy Attorney General 16 kevin.kelly@doj.ca.gov 300 South Spring Street, Suite 9012 17 Los Angeles, CA 90013 18 Attorney for Defendant 19 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 20 Executed July 20, 2022. 21 accu falecci 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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