DECLARATION OF SAM PAREDES

- 1. I, Sam Paredes, am the Executive Director of Gun Owners of California, Inc. ("GOC"), 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.
- 2. GOC is recognized as a 501(c)(4) non-profit mutual benefit corporation under the Internal Revenue Code and a recognized non-profit membership corporation under the state of California. GOC is incorporated in the state of California and is currently headquartered in El Dorado Hills, California.
- 3. GOC is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Second Amendment in California. It was formed for the express purpose of promoting, encouraging, and advocating for the purchase, use, and ownership of firearms and related products. GOC opposes legislation that it deems harmful to the right to keep and bear arms, while fighting to protect the Second Amendment rights of all Californians at the capitol, in the courts, and through elections. GOC strongly believes that the rights enshrined in the Second Amendment guarantees those enshrined by the First Amendment.
- 4. In service of its mission, GOC annually supports youth shooting teams by raising contributing financial resources to their programs and has sponsored individual talented young shooters through their careers as juniors looking to earn scholarships at major universities. Through this work, Plaintiff GOC regularly engages with minors through advertisements, sponsorships, and other communications promoting events where "firearm-related products" are used.
- 5. GOC also engages in pure political speech concerning the exercise of the constitutional right to own, possess, and use firearms for lawful purposes, including speech about firearm use and safety, hunting, and the shooting sports.
- 6. The passage of AB 2571 has caused great concern within our organization. Indeed, the enactment and enforcement of AB 2571 restricts GOC's

ability to engage in speech concerning firearms and related products (including the 1 promotion of its youth scholarship programs for young competitive shooters) 2 directly with minors or in ways that are designed, intended, or reasonably appear to 3 be attractive to minors. This means that GOC must halt or drastically limit the 4 distribution of advertisements, mentions, recruitment information, and other content 5 so that those under 18 years of age are not likely to receive it. Otherwise, I 6 reasonably believe that the organization will be subject to substantial liability under 7 8 AB 2571 for engaging in such activities. The passage of AB 2571 has also caused great confusion within the 9 organization over what speech is allowed or not allowed under the law. This 10 confusion chills the speech of GOC and its thousands of members across the state 11 because we are unsure what can be said without fear of violating the law and being 12 13 subject to substantial liability. But for the enactment and enforcement of AB 2571, GOC would 14 continue to engage in speech concerning firearms and related products, including 15 the promotion of its youth scholarship programs for young competitive shooters, as 16 well as its political speech about the rights to keep and bear arms for lawful 17 purposes, including hunting and the shooting sports. 18 19 20

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed within the United States on July 19, 2022.

> Sam Paredes Declarant

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