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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

STEVEN RUPP, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as  
Attorney General of the State of  
California,

Defendant.

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

**DECLARATION OF  
CHRISTOPHER SEIFERT IN  
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'  
MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT**

Hearing Date: July 28, 2023  
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Courtroom: 8A  
Judge: Josephine L. Staton

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Memorandum of Points and Authorities;  
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Cheryl Johnson, Alfonso Valencia, Troy  
Willis, Dennis Martin, and Richard  
Minnich; Proposed Judgment]

**DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER SEIFERT**

I, Christopher Seifert, 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 semiautomatic, centerfire rifle with a non-fixed magazine, making it a Category 3 “assault weapon” under the latest amendment to the AWCA.

4. The AWCA prohibits me from engaging in certain activities with my registered “assault weapon” that are otherwise lawful with any other firearm not classified as an “assault weapon.” But for the AWCA’s restrictions I would engage in such activities.

5. I also own a legal, serialized 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.

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

7. I am concerned that if I need to defend myself while at home, I will require assembling my firearm frame into such a configuration to effectively protect myself and others in my home.

8. 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.

9. Because the AWCA bars residents from acquiring, transferring, or


1 possessing “assault weapons”, I will be continuously and irreparably harmed by the  
2 ongoing deprivation of my individual, fundamental right to possess and use  
3 commonly possessed firearms for lawful purposes, including in-home self-defense,  
4 without risking criminal prosecution.

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

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

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Christopher Seifert  
Declarant

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case Name: *Rupp, et al. v. Bonta*  
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:

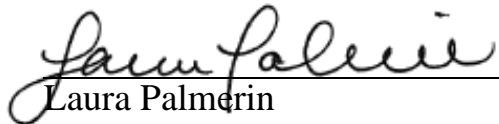
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