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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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13 STEVEN RUPP, et al.,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 vs.

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

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

**DECLARATION OF STEVEN RUPP
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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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, Dennis Martin, and Richard
Minnich; Proposed Judgment]

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 former resident of California who now resides in North Carolina.

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 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.

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 I need to defend myself at home while I am on one of my frequent visits to California, I will be unable to effectively defend myself given I cannot bring my semi-automatic rifle into the State.

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 and non-residents alike from acquiring, transferring, or possessing "assault weapons", I will be continuously and

1 irreparably harmed by the ongoing deprivation of my individual, fundamental right
2 to possess and use commonly possessed firearms for lawful purposes, including in-
3 home self-defense, 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 May 26, 2023.

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13 Steven Rupp "Client"
14 Declarant
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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

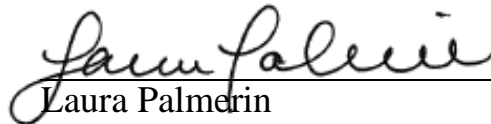
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed May 26, 2023.



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