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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

13 KIM RHODE, et al.,
14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

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

19 Defendant.

Case No.: 3:18-cv-00802-BEN-JLB

**DECLARATION OF EDWARD
ALLEN JOHNSON**

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2 1. I, Edward Allen Johnson, make this declaration of my own personal
3 knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the truth
4 of the matters set forth herein.

5 2. I am a resident of San Diego County, California, and a plaintiff in this
6 action. I am a law-abiding citizen of the United States who is not prohibited from owning
7 or possessing firearms or ammunition under state or federal law.

8 3. On June 27, 2019, I submitted an “Automated Firearms System Request for
9 Firearm Records” form to the California Department of Justice (“DOJ”) for purposes of
10 obtaining my AFS records on file with DOJ.

11 4. On October 15, 2019, approximately 110 days after submission, DOJ
12 responded to my request by providing my records via U.S. mail.

13 5. Between June 27, 2019 and October 15, 2019, I contacted DOJ via
14 phone/email at least three times to request the status of my AFS records request. Each
15 time I never received a response; the only response was when my records appeared in the
16 mail.

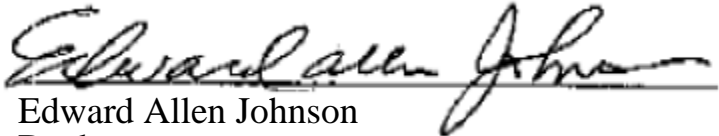
17 6. I regularly travel to Oregon to visit my daughter who lives there. Prior to the
18 Challenged Laws taking effect, I would purchase a significant amount of my ammunition
19 supply while in Oregon to bring home to California because ammunition costs are
20 generally lower there than in California. California’s requirement that any ammunition
21 acquired out-of-state be shipped to a licensed vendor in California for processing adds
22 time and expense that make obtaining ammunition out-of-state generally impractical. But
23 for the Challenged Laws, I would resume purchasing ammunition in Oregon, and other
24 states I visit, to bring back to California on my person to use for lawful purposes,
25 including self-defense.

26 7. Prior to the Challenged Laws taking effect, I would acquire a significant
27 amount of my ammunition from online vendors that would send it directly to my
28 residence. Doing so saved time and money and offered access to a wider selection of

1 ammunition options. Since the Challenged Laws have taken effect, I have noticed an
2 increase in the price of ammunition at stores.

3 8. But for the Challenged Laws, I would acquire ammunition from online
4 vendors to have shipped directly to my residence.

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6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed
7 within the United States on August 17, 2023.

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10 Edward Allen Johnson
11 Declarant

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case Name: *Rhode, et al. v. Bonta*
Case No.: 3:18-cv-00802-JM-JMA

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that I am a citizen of the United States over 18 years of age. My business address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200 Long Beach, CA 90802. I am not a party to the above-entitled action.

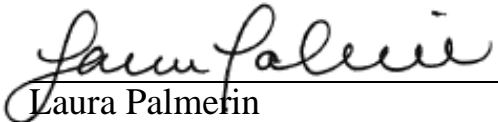
I have caused service of the following documents, described as:

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on the following parties by electronically filing the foregoing on August 17, 2023, with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

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