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Mr. Christopher G. Conway Clerk of the Court United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit 219 South Dearborn St., 27th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Barnett v. Raoul, Nos. 23-1825, 23-1793, 23-1826, 23-1827, 23-1828 (consol.) Bevis v. City of Naperville, No. 23-1353

Dear Mr. Conway:

Plaintiffs cite as supplemental authority *Miller v. Bonta*, No. 19-cv-01537-BEN-JLB, Doc. No. 175 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 19, 2023), which enjoined enforcement of California's restrictions on assault weapons as set forth in California Penal Code section 30515. But the Ninth Circuit has already stayed that decision, which conflicts with the vast majority of decisions addressing a challenge to a law restricting assault weapons following *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Grant v. Lamont, No. 3:22-cv-01223, 2023 WL 5533522 (D. Conn. Aug. 28, 2023), appeal docketed, No. 23-1344 (2d Cir. Sept. 28, 2023); Nat'l Ass'n of Gun Rights v. Lamont, No. 22-cv-01118, 2023 WL 4975979 (D. Conn. Aug. 3, 2023), appeal docketed, No. 23-1168 (2d Cir. Aug. 16, 2023); Hartford v. Ferguson, No. 3:23-cv-05364, 2023 WL 3836230 (W.D. Wash. June 6, 2023); Del. State Sportsmen's Ass'n v. Del. Dep't of Safety & Homeland Sec., No. 22-951, 2023 WL 2655150 (D. Del. Mar. 27, 2023), appeal docketed, No. 23-1634 (3d Cir. Apr. 7, 2023). But see Rocky Mountain Gun Owners v. Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County, No. 22-cv-2113, Doc. No. 15 (D. Colo. Aug. 30, 2022) (case voluntarily dismissed after issuance of temporary restraining order, Doc. No. 30); Rocky Mountain Gun Owners v. Superior, No. 1:22-cv-1685, Doc. No. 18 (D. Colo. July 22, 2022) (temporary restraining order subsequently dissolved, Doc. No. 53).

Indeed, on October 28, 2023, the Ninth Circuit entered an order granting an administrative stay of the permanent injunction and setting an expedited schedule for briefing and argument. *Miller v. Bonta*, No. 23-2979, Doc. 13-1 (9th Cir. Oct. 28, 2023). The court further noted that "the administrative stay shall remain in effect until the merits panel decides the appeal or issues an order lifting the stay." *Id.* 

Very best regards,

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