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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 809.

This measure would require the California Department of Justice to treat the information used to process the sales of long guns the same as the information currently retained for sales of handguns.

Anytime someone purchases a firearm in California, whether a long gun or handgun, their personal information is sent to the Department of Justice for a criminal background check. While purchaser information on handguns is retained, purchaser information on long guns is destroyed.

Since the state already retains handgun purchaser information, I see no reason why the state should not also retain information pertaining to the sales of long guns.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.