



Amendment of Sections 27310 and 30345 of the Penal Code relating to the Firearms Act

- Creates a framework to enforce federal laws and procedures restricting gun sellers at gun shows
 - Authorizes Department of Justice (DOJ) to make grants to the state and federal governments
- Amends Section 27310 of the Penal Code to give Department of Justice (DOJ) the right to inspect *any* firearm dealers, ammunition vendors, or manufacturers participating in a gun show or public event
- Amends Section 30345 of the Penal Code to grant the DOJ the right to inspect ammunition vendors
- Beyond this, the bill stipulates the following:
 - A person, firm, corporation, or other business enterprise that sells 500+ rounds of ammunition in any 30-day period must have a valid ammunition vendor licence
 - (Existing law requires that ammunition be sold to those who meet certain requirements, including having firearms ownership information that matches an entry in the Automated Firearms System and being eligible to possess ammunition)

MAP's Perspective on A.B. 2061

MAP supports this bill. AB-2061 helps decrease the gun violence epidemic by granting the DOJ the right to inspect gun and ammunition transactions at gun shows and other events. Yet despite common sense supporting increased DOJ oversight, empirics underscore the violence uniquely caused by unchecked weapon sales at gun shows and public events. A federal study concluded that 10% of guns used in crime by juveniles were sold either at a gun show or a flea market. To prevent guns being in the possession of unfit owners, AB-2061 is of the utmost importance.

As of now, transactions that occur at gun shows go unregulated by the DOJ. At the point at which background checks are not legally required at gun shows and guns and ammunition fill the coffers of dangerous individuals, MAP speaks for our generation in adamant support of AB-2061.

Youth Perspective on Gun Violence

We believe that gun violence is a concern that decimates our right to life. Everyone deserves the liberty to live without threats of violence perpetrated by their own family.

Gun and familial violence are detrimental to youth's mental health. Situations that are perceived as unpredictable and uncontrollable are much more likely to bring on high levels of helplessness, anxiety, and fear. Due to this, youth are often left with overwhelming feelings of stress and fear from witnessing shootings either at school or at home.

What our generation believes is plain and simple: enough is enough. It's time to end gun violence.

Catholic Perspective on this Issue

Gun Violence eradicates inherent dignity and value of every human life. The terrible atrocities that have resulted from mass shootings have stolen many innocent lives. Violence that inflicts such suffering and death is simply not tolerable in any society.

As such, the USCCB consistently and vehemently urges policy changes in the wake of gun violence tragedies that have become far too frequent in our nation. Specifically, the USCCB supports measures that control the sale and use of firearms, along with universal background checks for gun purchases.

