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The Honorable Chair and Members of the  
Public Safety Committee  
of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles  
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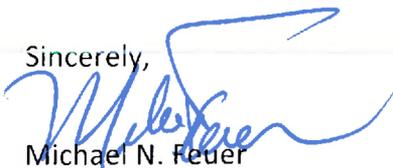
Honorable Chair and Members:

I write in strong support of legislation that will be heard by your committee on August 14, 2019, that would require the safe storage of all firearms -- not only handguns -- in the City of Los Angeles. This ordinance, pursuant to a motion by Councilmember Paul Krekorian, will save lives. In a recent case, for example, while my office was able to file a charge related to a handgun that allegedly was not stored safely, but we were unable to file an additional misdemeanor charge against the same individual who left a long gun not safely stored where a child lived.

By approving the ordinance, the Committee and City Council will send a strong message to Angelenos that safely storing a firearm is not only common sense, but an obligation. I commit to using this tool to ensure that those who violate a prudent gun safety measure are held accountable. And we will vigorously defend it.

All levels of government need to be engaged in preventing gun violence. Recently the Los Angeles Unified School District Board adopted a resolution to inform parents of the responsibility to safely store any guns in accordance with the law. Hopefully, there will be action at the federal level. The proposed ordinance is an important step for gun safety.

Sincerely,



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