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**Re: AB 340 (Irwin): Firearms: armed prohibited persons.**

Dear Dr. Smith:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Board meeting on May 1, 2019 to take a Support recommendation on AB 340 (Irwin), a bill that would authorize the County of Ventura to establish and implement a Disarming Prohibited Persons Taskforce (DPPT) team program, consisting of officers and agents from specified law enforcement agencies, for the purpose of, among other things, identifying, monitoring, arresting, and assisting in the prosecution of individuals who are armed and prohibited from possessing a firearm.

AB 340 would additionally authorize the Department of Justice, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to award a grant to the County of Ventura for the purpose of investigating, locating, apprehending, and prosecuting individuals who are in possession of a firearm, despite their prohibited status, in the county. The bill would require the County of Ventura, if it applies for and receives a grant from the department, to, on or before 15 months after receiving the grant, submit a report to the department and to the Legislature containing specified information. This bill contains other related provisions.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Should you have any questions, please contact me by email at [roidham@placer.ca.gov](mailto:roidham@placer.ca.gov) or by phone at (530) 745-3121. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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