



June 24, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Arreguín
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee
1020 N Street, Room 545
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA PORTAL

Re: AB 1127 (Gabriel) - Support

Dear Chair Arreguín:

The Consumer Protection Policy Center (CPPC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, academic center of research, teaching, learning and advocacy in regulatory and public interest law based at the University of San Diego School of Law. CPPC is pleased to support **AB 1127** which will protect Californians from DIY machine guns by prohibiting the future sale of any pistol that can quickly and easily be converted into a machine gun by attaching a so-called Glock switch – forcing the companies who design their pistols to easily accept these devices to stop selling them to civilians unless and until they fix the problem.

DIY machine guns are a growing threat to public safety. Fully automatic machine guns have been illegal under federal and state law for decades, but they can be made at home by attaching a tiny piece of metal or plastic commonly known as a “Glock switch” to a convertible pistol.

Shootings committed with these modified, fully automatic handguns can be significantly more deadly, since they allow shooters to spray bullets with a single pull of the trigger, endangering bystanders. In 2022 – right here in Sacramento – a [Glock pistol](#) converted into a machine gun [was used](#) during a gun battle that [killed six and injured twelve](#). Officers recovered over 110 shell casings at the scene.

These DIY machine guns are flooding our streets because Glock and other companies using the same design have manufactured their pistols in a way that makes them uniquely easy to convert into illegal machine guns by attaching a Glock switch. Because these companies choose profits over public safety, anyone with one of these pistols, a Glock switch – which can be 3D-printed or purchased online for \$25 – and a screwdriver can turn their pistol into an illegal and extremely lethal machine gun in just

a few minutes. Glock, specifically, has [known about this problem](#) for years, but has not taken responsibility for its easily convertible products and instead has refused to take serious action to fix its design. **When the firearm industry refuses to take action to prevent tragedies, California lawmakers must act by prohibiting the sale of dangerous machinegun-convertible pistols.**

California law already prohibits the devices used to convert pistols into machine guns, but must take further steps to address the pistols themselves that are easily able to accept those devices. As long as California gun dealers are selling pistols that can quickly and easily be turned into machine guns, this public safety threat will continue.

AB 1127 solves this problem by prohibiting California firearms dealers from selling pistols to civilians that are easily convertible to automatic fire through the use of a Glock switch. The bill is narrowly tailored to have no impact on current owners of these pistols, and to allow sales to continue to law enforcement and the military or naval forces for use in their official duties.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 1127 and ask that you support it when it comes before you in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

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