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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
James R. Browning Courthouse
P.O. Box 193939
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RE: *Rupp v. Bonta*, No. 19-56004

Dear Ms. Dwyer:

In response to the Court's order, dated December 6, 2021, defendant-appellee Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as the Attorney General of the State of California,¹ and plaintiffs-appellants Steven Rupp, et al. write to inform the Court that the parties, having met and conferred, agree that this appeal should be held in further abeyance pending issuance of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen* (*NYSRPA*), No. 20-843. While *NYSRPA* concerns the constitutionality under the Second Amendment of a different type of law than that challenged in this case, it is possible that the Supreme Court's decision in *NYSRPA* could impact resolution of this appeal.

For this reason, the parties agree with the panel's unanimous view that a continued abeyance pending a decision in *NYSRPA* would be in the interests of judicial economy. If the Court continues the abeyance, the parties respectfully request an opportunity to provide additional briefing after the Supreme Court's disposition in *NYSRPA*.

¹ Rob Bonta succeeded Xavier Becerra as Attorney General of the State of California. Accordingly, Rob Bonta, in his official capacity, is automatically substituted as the defendant in this action. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 43(c)(2).

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Sincerely,

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* In accordance with Circuit Rule 25-5(c), the filer hereby attests that all parties concur in the filing's content.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Case No. **19-56004**

I hereby certify that on December 15, 2021, I electronically filed the following documents with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system:

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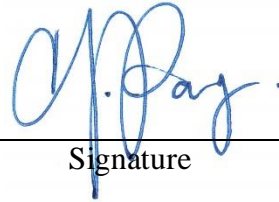
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G. Pang

Declarant

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