



CITY OF OCEANSIDE

May 24, 2021

The Honorable Mike Levin
1030 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: HR 127 – SABIKA SHEIKH FIREARMS LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Congressman Levin,

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, we write to oppose HR 127, introduced to the House of Representatives on January 4, 2021.

As homicide rates in major American cities have spiked to astronomical levels this past year, increasing gun safety and preventing violent crime is more important than ever. Unfortunately, we believe HR 127 would have the opposite effect by reallocating valuable law enforcement resources towards a byzantine, cumbersome, and duplicitous registration system that would focus on law-abiding citizens and responsible gun owners -- the most likely individuals to actually register their firearms.

Those inclined to use firearms for criminal purposes are not likely to register their firearms, and increasing the registration requirements would likely do little to deter these individuals from committing violent acts. Statistics from the Oceanside Police Department clearly demonstrate this. In 2020, there were 108 violent crimes in Oceanside involving the use of firearms, and none of those firearms were registered to those committing the crimes. The City of Oceanside is committed to ensuring the safety of our residents and believes local, state, and federal law enforcement resources should be used in the most effective way possible.

Therefore, the undersigned elected representatives of the City of Oceanside oppose HR 127.

Sincerely,

Esther C. Sanchez
Mayor

Ryan Keim
Deputy Mayor

Kori Jensen
Councilmember

Christopher Rodriguez
Councilmember

Peter Weiss
Councilmember