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19 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
20 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
21 **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

22 RENO MAY, an individual;
23 ANTHONY MIRANDA, an individual;
24 ERIC HANS, an individual; GARY
25 BRENNAN, an individual; OSCAR A.
26 BARRETTO, JR., an individual;
27 ISABELLE R. BARRETTO, an
28 individual; BARRY BAHRAMI, an
individual; PETE STEPHENSON, an
individual; ANDREW HARMS, an
individual; JOSE FLORES, an
individual; DR. SHELDON HOUGH,
DDS, an individual; SECOND
AMENDMENT FOUNDATION; GUN
OWNERS OF AMERICA; GUN
OWNERS FOUNDATION; GUN
OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.;
THE LIBERAL GUN CLUB, INC.; and
CALIFORNIA RIFLE & PISTOL
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT BONTA, in his official
capacity as Attorney General of the
State of California, and DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

Case No.: 8:23-cv-01696 CJC (ADSx)

**DECLARATION OF RENO MAY IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 & 1988

Hearing Date: December 4, 2023
Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m.
Courtroom: 9 B
Judge: Hon. Cormac J. Carney

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DECLARATION OF RENO MAY

1. I, Reno May, am a plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I make this declaration of my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the truth of the matters set forth herein.

2. I am a current resident of Sonoma County, California.

3. I am a law-abiding adult who is not prohibited from owning firearms under the laws of the United States of America or the state of California. I have never been found by any law enforcement agency, any court, or any other government agency to be irresponsible, unsafe, or negligent with firearms in any manner. I am a member of the California Rifle & Pistol Association, another plaintiff in this matter.

4. I have a valid and current California concealed carry weapon (“CCW”) permit issued by the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Department.

5. I legally carry a concealed firearm with me on a daily basis, so that I may be armed and be able to defend myself, my wife, and potentially others in the event of a life-threatening emergency situation. Prior to SB 2, I only didn’t carry my pistol when planning on going to one of the few places where carry was not permitted, such as a school or courthouse, or when I intended to have a drink with dinner.

6. Because SB 2 will prohibit me from carrying in many places where I am accustomed to concealed carrying a firearm, the utility of my CCW permit, and thus my right to be armed for self-defense in public, will be outright eliminated in nearly all common contexts.

7. For example, under SB 2 I cannot carry in any establishment where alcohol is served, even if I do not intend to drink. That means I cannot conceal carry at most of the restaurants that I patronize on a regular basis, nor can I even carry in the parking area of such an establishment. Under SB 2, I also cannot carry at the Santa Rosa mall that I often visit because there is a fitness center there as well as restaurants that serve alcohol, making the mall and its parking lot out of bounds under SB 2.

1 8. Those two provisions of SB 2 are hardly the only two that will impact me. I
2 can't carry while I stop at a gas station to fill up my car, because most gas stations
3 sell lottery tickets inside, making them off-limits for carry. Under SB 2, carry is
4 also prohibited at urgent care facilities which I have utilized in the past for medical
5 attention and would use in the future. Carry is also prohibited at financial
6 institutions such as my local bank that I frequent, and a variety of other places that I
7 regularly visit.

8 9. Perhaps most significantly, under SB 2, concealed carry is prohibited at any
9 privately owned commercial establishment that does not affirmatively display
10 notice that the establishment tolerates concealed carry at the establishment's
11 premises. There are many local businesses that I frequent that will likely not post
12 such signs, forcing me to either not carry there or stop patronizing them. Even the
13 ones that are willing to post such signs may be off limits for other reasons. For
14 example, Sportsmans Arms, my local gun dealer, shares a parking lot with several
15 other businesses, including an establishment that serves alcohol. Because of that, I
16 cannot carry so much as in the parking lot that is necessary to cross to get to
17 Sportsmans Arms, even if Sportsmans Arms puts up a sign permitting carry.

18 10. Under SB 2, I can no longer continue to carry at the gym where I regularly
19 work out. Even if that gym posts a sign allowing legal carry, it likely qualifies as an
20 "athletic facility" under SB 2.

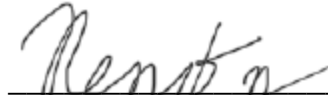
21 11. SB 2 also affects my carry rights when I travel. My wife and I visit San
22 Francisco often, and I have carried on the BART trains several times. Having seen
23 the news, I know crimes on BART have become more common, and I want to be
24 prepared to defend my wife as well as myself in the event of such an attack. SB 2
25 bars me carrying on BART in the future, because it restricts carry on public
26 transportation.

27 12. These are, of course, just a few examples of how SB 2 will affect me, and as
28 I go about my daily life, I am sure to discover several more. SB 2 will essentially

1 destroy my constitutional right to carry, as so few of the places I go to on a daily
2 basis will permit carry, and I don't want to expose my firearm to theft by constantly
3 leaving it in my vehicle. But for SB 2 and my fear of criminal prosecution, I would
4 continue to carry in all of these places as I did before the law took effect.

5 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

6 Executed on September 29, 2023.

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Reno May, declarant

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case Name: *May, et al. v. Bonta*
Case No.: 8:23-cv-01696 CJC (ADSx)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of:

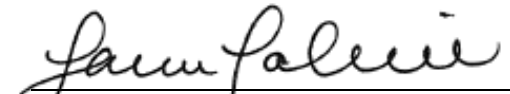
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on the following party by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed September 29, 2023.



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