

## SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

*Name of Paper's* readers need to be informed of the unintended consequences that will ensue if Proposition HC a ballot initiative that will ban private handgun ownership in San FranciscoC passes on November 8.

Proposition H is one of the most radical gun control ordinances to be proposed in any U.S. cityC one that sacrifices the safety of individual citizens for the posturing of cynical politicians. It is an ill-conceived attempt at social engineering by some members of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors that will punish those who obey the law and reward those who violate it.

Proposition H requires that handguns owned by law-abiding San Francisco residents be disposed of or turned into the police. This is more extreme than bans in cities such as Washington, D.C., and Chicago, that only applied to ownership of handguns that had not been previously registered.

Proposition H is more than just a handgun ban. Current owners of rifles and shotguns would not be allowed to transfer their firearms to anyone, including family members.

The only San Franciscans who will benefit by the passage of Proposition H are criminals, who will continue to ignore gun control laws and illegally get firearms to commit crimes. If Proposition H passes it will, literally, be criminal.

Sincerely,

Your Name