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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

v.

COAST RUNNER INDUSTRIES, INC.,  
GHOST GUNNER, INC., and DEFENSE  
DISTRIBUTED,

Defendants..

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1   **I.       PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

2           Defendants’ marketing and sale of their illegal “Coast Runner” CNC milling machine is a blatant  
3 violation of California Civil Code § 3273.62 and California’s Unfair Competition Law (the “UCL”).  
4 The Coast Runner—identical in all but name to the “Ghost Gunner” CNC milling machine also  
5 produced by Defendants—allows consumers to self-manufacture “ghost guns,” which have no serial  
6 numbers and are therefore impossible for law enforcement to trace.

7           Defendants have marketed the Coast Runner as a firearms manufacturing device. Defendants  
8 launched the Coast Runner at SHOT Show, one of the largest firearms industry conferences. In  
9 marketing materials, Defendants emphasized the Coast Runner’s gun-making abilities, calling it a device  
10 that “empowers small manufacturers and gunsmiths with advanced capabilities” and introducing it as  
11 “revolutionizing small-scale manufacturing and gunsmithing.” (Cooley Decl. ¶ 13.) Defendants also  
12 referred to the Coast Runner and the Ghost Gunner interchangeably in marketing materials. Defendants  
13 advertised on the Ghost Gunner website that “California residents ordering a Ghost Gunner CNC  
14 machine consent to receiving a Coast Runner CNC machine in lieu of a Ghost Gunner.” (Cooley Decl. ¶  
15 22.) *To this day*, websites owned and operated by Defendants still promote the Coast Runner as  
16 identical to the Ghost Gunner. (Cooley Decl. ¶¶ 23-24; Declaration of John P. Cooley in Support of  
17 Plaintiff’s Reply Memorandum (the “Cooley Reply Decl.”) ¶ 3.)

18           In their opposition to Plaintiff’s Motion (“Opp.”), Defendants do not contest *any* of these facts.  
19 Instead, they attempt to confuse the issues by misinterpreting the relevant statutes and recycling baseless  
20 arguments from their previous filings. Plaintiff’s requested relief—an order enjoining Defendants from  
21 selling, offering to sell, transferring, advertising, or marketing the Coast Runner in California—is  
22 modest in scope. Because Plaintiff has shown that (i) it is likely to prevail on the merits of its claims  
23 and (ii) the balance of harms decidedly favors Plaintiff, the Court should grant Plaintiff’s request for a  
24 preliminary injunction.

25   **II.       ARGUMENT**

26       **A.       Plaintiff is Likely to Prevail on the Merits**

27           **1.       Defendants Misread Civil Code § 3273.62 and Penal Code § 29185.**

28           As explained in Plaintiff’s Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of its Motion for

1 Preliminary Injunction (the “Motion” or “Mot.”), Plaintiff’s first claim is that Defendants have violated  
2 § 3273.62(a) of the California Civil Code, which provides that:

3 A person shall not ***sell, offer to sell, transfer, advertise, or market*** a CNC milling  
4 machine or three-dimensional printer in a manner that ***knowingly or recklessly***  
5 ***causes another person*** in this state to engage in ***conduct prohibited by Section***  
6 ***29185 of the Penal Code***, or in a manner that otherwise ***knowingly or recklessly***  
7 ***aids, abets, promotes, or facilitates conduct prohibited by that section.***  
(emphasis added).

8 In turn, Penal Code § 29185(a) and (c) make it unlawful for anyone other than a state-licensed  
9 manufacturer to “use” a CNC milling machine to manufacture a firearm or to “possess, purchase, or  
10 receive” a CNC milling machine “that has the sole or primary function of manufacturing firearms.”  
11 Penal Code § 29185(b) also makes it unlawful to “sell, offer to sell, or transfer” a CNC milling machine  
12 “that has the sole or primary function of manufacturing firearms” to any person “other than a state-  
licensed firearms manufacturer.”

13 *First*, Defendants argue that Plaintiff’s claims require definitive proof that either Defendants  
14 themselves or a customer has used the Coast Runner to violate § 29185. This is not so. § 3273.62(a)  
15 requires proof that Defendants “sell, offer to sell, transfer, advertise, or market” a CNC milling machine  
16 in a way that *either* “knowingly or recklessly” causes another person to violate § 29185 *or* that  
17 “otherwise knowingly or recklessly aids, abets, promotes, or facilitates conduct prohibited by” § 29185.  
18 Under the plain text of the statute’s second prong, Defendants violate the law simply by marketing their  
19 product in a manner that “promotes [] or facilitates conduct” prohibited by § 29185. Here, there is  
20 ample evidence that Defendants have knowingly and recklessly marketed a CNC milling machine—the  
21 Coast Runner—in a way that promotes or facilitates conduct prohibited by § 29185. As the marketing  
22 materials highlighted above show, the Coast Runner is the Ghost Gunner rebranded, with all of the same  
23 functions and capabilities, and promoted for the same purpose: the illegal manufacture of “ghost guns.”  
24 Defendants themselves have referred to the two machines interchangeably: the Coast Runner Operator’s  
25 Manual refers to the Coast Runner as the Ghost Gunner, stating: “GG *doesn’t have a brain... but you*  
26 *do.*” (Cooley Decl. ¶ 11.) (emphasis added).

27 Defendants submit a declaration from Garret Walliman, a chief executive of both Coast Runner  
28 and Ghost Gunner, Inc., which claims that the Coast Runner is a “multi-purpose” CNC mill and thus

1 does not have the “primary function of manufacturing firearms” because the U.S. Department of  
2 Commerce classified it as a “general purpose industrial machine.” (Walliman Decl. ¶ 20-21.) However,  
3 Defendants fail to mention that *the Ghost Gunner itself* is classified as a “general purpose machine” by  
4 the U.S. Department of Commerce. (Cooley Decl. ¶ 5.) There is no dispute that the Ghost Gunner is an  
5 arms-manufacturing device. Indeed, on its website, Ghost Gunner, Inc. describes its purpose: “to allow  
6 individuals to manufacture their own un-serialized firearms.” (Cooley Decl. ¶ 4.)<sup>1</sup>

7 *Second*, Defendants claim that the rebuttable presumption in California Civil Code § 3273.62(b)  
8 only applies “when there is no objective evidence of a machine’s legal ‘function.’” (Opp. at 3.) This  
9 standard, which Defendants appear to have invented from thin air, is incorrect. § 3273.62(b) is explicit:  
10 “[t]here *shall be* a rebuttable presumption” if two conditions are met.<sup>2</sup> *First*, the “person *offers to sell,*  
11 *advertises, or markets a CNC milling machine . . .* in a manner that, under the totality of the  
12 circumstances, *is targeted at purchasers seeking to manufacture firearms* or that otherwise  
13 affirmatively promotes the machine[’s] . . . utility in manufacturing firearms, regardless of whether the  
14 machine . . . is otherwise described or classified as having any other capabilities.” (emphasis added).  
15 *Second*, the person sells or transfers the CNC mill without verifying that the purchaser is a licensed  
16 firearms manufacturer or not otherwise prohibited from purchasing or using the machine to manufacture  
17 firearms.

18 Both conditions are met here. Defendants’ efforts to market the Coast Runner have been  
19 consistently “targeted at purchasers seeking to manufacture firearms.” As described above, Defendants  
20 promoted the Coast Runner in its own booth at SHOT Show, a large firearms industry trade show.  
21 (Cooley Decl. ¶ 13.) Marketing materials for SHOT Show described it as a mill that “empowers small  
22 manufacturers and gunsmiths with advanced capabilities.” (*Id.*) Consumers “seeking to manufacture  
23 firearms” understand that the Coast Runner is simply a rebranded Ghost Gunner, with one Reddit user  
24 commenting “[t]he base model is just a rebranded GhostGunner, made by the same people even, and  
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26 <sup>1</sup> In a prior lawsuit challenging § 29185, Defense Distributed described the Ghost Gunner as a  
27 CNC milling machine “that gives purchasers the ability to complete unfinished frames and receivers for  
various types of firearms, including the AR-15, AR-308, M1911, and AK-47.” (Cooley Decl. ¶ 6.)

28 <sup>2</sup> See *Guerrero v. Hestrin*, 56 Cal. App. 5th 172, 189 (2020) (“[T]he word ‘shall,’ when used in a  
statute, is ordinarily construed as mandatory.”).



intended to sell in non-permissive areas.” (Cooley Reply Decl. ¶ 7.) Another post shows the Ghost Gunner and Coast Runner side-by-side with the caption “Hey, can I copy your homework? Sure just change it up a bit so it’s not obvious you copied.” (*Id.* ¶ 8.) Defendants make no effort to contest the facts regarding their marketing of the Coast Runner. Defendants also do not contest that they sell the Coast Runner without verifying that purchasers are federally licensed firearms dealers or are not otherwise prohibited from manufacturing firearms with the Coast Runner. There is this no factual dispute that both conditions of the rebuttable presumption are met here.<sup>3</sup>

Defendants also take the position that “even if a material part of these statutes were ambiguous, the rule of lenity would operate for the Defendants to defeat the motion.” (Opp. at 3.) This is plainly incorrect. The rule of lenity “ensures that *criminal statutes* will provide fair warning concerning conduct rendered illegal and strikes the appropriate balance between the legislature, the prosecutor, and the court in defining *criminal liability*.” *People ex rel. Lungren v. Superior Ct.*, 14 Cal. 4th 294, 313 (1996) (emphasis added). In *Lungren*, a civil action brought in the name of the People of California, the California Supreme Court rejected the defendant’s invocation of the rule of lenity, concluding instead that “civil statutes for the protection of the public are, generally, broadly construed in favor of that protective purpose.” *Id.*<sup>4</sup>

## **2. Civil Code § 3273.62 and Penal Code § 29185 Do Not Violate the Second Amendment**

Perhaps recognizing they cannot dispute the facts showing that the Coast Runner is designed and marketed to make “ghost guns,” Defendants next invoke a generalized Second Amendment right to sell a device that allows anyone to make a “ghost gun.” This argument is without merit as both statutes are clearly constitutional. Under the standard articulated by the Supreme Court in *New York State Rifle &*

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<sup>3</sup> Defendants also argue that Plaintiff’s second claim for violation of the UCL “entails a showing of ‘unlawful’ business practice that Plaintiff’s motion says (at 15) is met by a violation of Section 3273.62.” (Opp. at 2.) However, as Plaintiff’s Motion makes clear, the second claim for relief is based not only on the “unlawful” prong of the UCL, but also on the “unfair” prong, which prohibits any business practice that “offends an established public policy or when the practice is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous or substantially injurious to consumers.” *Smith v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 93 Cal. App. 4th 700, 719 (2001), *as modified* (Nov. 20, 2001) (citation omitted). Here, Defendants’ conduct is both unlawful and unfair under the UCL because their sale and marketing of the Coast Runner offends the established public policy promulgated by California’s legislature in § 3273.62.

<sup>4</sup> See also *People ex rel. Lockyer v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 37 Cal. 4th 707, 717 (2005), *as modified* (Jan. 18, 2006).

1 *Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1 (2022), “when the Second Amendment’s plain text covers  
2 an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct.” *Bruen*, 597 U.S. at 17.  
3 If the regulation implicates conduct protected by the plain text of the Second Amendment, then “the  
4 government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of  
5 firearm regulation.” *Id.* Here, neither § 3273.62 nor § 29185 implicates conduct protected by the  
6 Second Amendment’s “plain text.” § 29185 regulates the possession and use of CNC mills, not “Arms.”  
7 *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 581 (2008) (defining “Arms” as “weapons”). Similarly,  
8 California Civil Code § 3273.62 regulates sales and marketing practices with respect to CNC mills; not  
9 “Arms.” Defendants misleadingly assert that “no appellate court has ever held” that the statutes do not  
10 implicate conduct protected by the Second Amendment. (Opp. at 5). But the reason for that is simple:  
11 the issue has never been before an appellate court. Notably, however, a federal district court *has* ruled—  
12 in a case brought by Defendant Defense Distributed invoking many of the same arguments Defendants  
13 make here—that “AB 1621 has nothing to do with ‘keep[ing]’ or ‘bear[ing]’ arms.” *Def. Distributed v.*  
14 *Bonta*, 2022 WL 15524977, at \*4 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 21, 2022) (quoting *Bruen*, 597 U.S. at 19). In that  
15 case, the district court considered whether § 29185’s prohibition on the right to “self-manufacture of  
16 firearms” was covered by the plain text of the Second Amendment and concluded that “[t]ry as you  
17 might, you will not find a discussion of . . . any such ‘right(s)’ in the ‘plain text’ of the Second  
18 Amendment.” *Id.* (cleaned up).

19 Even if the Court determines that § 3273.62 and § 29185 implicate conduct protected by the  
20 plain text of the Second Amendment, both statutes are consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition  
21 of firearm regulation. Defendants flatly assert the Coast Runner is part of a supposedly long-standing  
22 tradition of unregulated self-manufacture of firearms. (Opp. at 7). To the contrary, at the Founding  
23 “[t]he vast majority of guns in the colonies came from Europe” and firearms manufacturing that did  
24 occur in early America was carried out “by a small number of experts.”<sup>5</sup> This is a far cry from the self-  
25 manufacturing of firearms that can be carried out by any amateur gunsmith using the Coast Runner.

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27 <sup>5</sup> Brian DeLay, *The Myth of Continuity in American Gun Culture*, 113 CAL. L. REV. 1, 63 (2025).  
28 Courts have relied upon Professor DeLay’s historical research to conclude that modern laws regulating  
“ghost guns” are consistent with historical tradition. *Palmer*, 2024 WL 4432818, at \*7.

Moreover, when considering cases involving “dramatic technological changes,” courts may engage in “a more nuanced approach” to the historical inquiry. *Bruen*, 597 U.S. at 27. Here, “the self-assembly of firearms by non-professionals was never a threat to public safety in the founding era, and thus would not have been in the contemplation of founding-era lawmakers.” *Palmer v. Sisolak*, 2024 WL 4432818, at \*7 (D. Nev. Oct. 7, 2024). Therefore, this court should use a more nuanced approach that asks whether the challenged laws are “consistent with the principles that underpin the Nation’s regulatory tradition.” *United States v. Rahimi*, 602 U.S. 680, 681 (2024).

The historical traditions of “regulating both types of firearms and who could possess them for public safety reasons” are relevantly similar to § 3273.62 and § 29185. *Palmer*, 2024 WL 4432818, at \*2. For example, a “1652 New York law outlawed illegal trading of guns, gun powder, and lead by private individuals” and a “1631 Virginia law required the recording not only of all new arrivals to the colony, but also ‘of arms and munitions.’” *United States v. Serrano*, 651 F. Supp. 3d 1192, 1211-12 (S.D. Cal 2023) (internal citations omitted) (analyzing 18 U.S.C. § 922(k), which prohibits firearms with obliterated serial numbers). These historical regulations “were designed to combat illegal arms and ammunition trafficking and to ensure that individuals considered dangerous did not obtain firearms.” *Id.* at 1212.

Likewise, laws like § 3273.62 and § 29185 were enacted to combat the production of ghost guns, which “can be manufactured by an unlicensed buyer with parts that can be acquired without a background check or manufacturing license” and are therefore “difficult for law enforcement to trace.” Senate Committee on Appropriations, Analysis of AB 1089, 2023-2024 Reg. Sess., at 1 (Cal. Aug. 11, 2023). § 29185 was enacted in response to the “proliferation of unserialized ghost guns,” which have “caused enormous harm and suffering, hampered the ability of law enforcement to trace crime guns and investigate firearm trafficking and other crimes, and dangerously undermined the effectiveness of laws and protections critical to the health, safety, and well-being of Californians.” 2022 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 76 (A.B. 1621) (West). Accordingly, both § 3273.62 and § 29185 are consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.

**3. Plaintiff’s Claims Do Not Require Alter Ego Liability, and Plaintiff Has Demonstrated Such Liability in Any Event**

Defendants next argue that Plaintiff's claims cannot succeed because they "presuppose" that Defense Distributed and Ghost Gunner Inc. are alter egos of Coast Runner Industries, Inc. (Opp. at 9.) This argument also fails. Plaintiff's claim is that all three Defendants have taken individual actions that violate § 3273.62 and the UCL. As just one example, Ghost Gunner Inc. included a notice on its website that California customers would receive a Coast Runner in lieu of a Ghost Gunner. (Cooley Decl. ¶ 22.) Plaintiff's claims thus do not "presuppose" that the Defendants are alter egos.

Even if the alter ego status of the Defendant companies were relevant, the evidence shows that any distinctions between Coast Runner Industries, Inc., Ghost Gunner, Inc., and Defense Distributed are illusory. For instance, at the Maker Faire event held in the Bay Area in October 2024, Coast Runner Industries, Inc. stated that "[o]ur company has a ten-year history in 3D printing and desktop CNC technology." (Cooley Decl. ¶ 29.) Given that Coast Runner Industries, Inc. has only been in existence since 2023, this reference can only be to Defense Distributed and Ghost Gunner, Inc. In addition, all three companies are operated by the same individuals, which is indicative of alter ego liability. See *Shaoxing Cnty. Huayue Imp. & Exp. v. Bhaumik*, 191 Cal. App. 4th 1189, 1198 (2011); *Salazar v. Coastal Corp.*, 928 S.W.2d 162, 170 (Tex. App. 1996) (alter ego factors include "identity of shareholders, directors, officers, and employees").<sup>6</sup>

#### **4. This Court Has Personal Jurisdiction over Defendants**

Defendants' contention that Plaintiff cannot prevail on its claims "because personal jurisdiction is lacking" is also meritless. (Opp. at 11.) As an initial matter, Defendants have waived any personal jurisdiction defense by failing to file a motion to quash. California Code of Civil Procedure § 418.10(e)(3) provides that a defendant's failure to move to quash service of summons on the ground of personal jurisdiction "at the time of filing a . . . motion to strike constitutes a waiver of the issue[] of lack of personal jurisdiction[.]" Here, Defendants failed to move to quash when they moved to strike in October 2024. In addition, "it has long been the rule in California that a party waives any objection to the court's exercise of personal jurisdiction when the party makes a general appearance in the action."

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<sup>6</sup> Defendants are wrong to assert that "both sides agree" that Texas is "the controlling jurisdiction" (Opp. at 10) for purposes of determining alter ego. In its opposition to Defendants' motion to strike, Plaintiff explained that "[b]ecause there is no true conflict between California and Texas law . . . Plaintiff prevails regardless of which state's law applies." (Opp. to Mot. to Strike at 12, n.1.)

1 *Roy v. Superior Ct.*, 127 Cal. App. 4th 337, 341 (2005). Defendants made “a general appearance” in  
2 their motion to strike and have therefore waived any personal jurisdiction defenses. Cal. Civ. Proc.  
3 Code § 1014; *see Dial 800 v. Fesbinder*, 118 Cal. App. 4th 32, 52-54 (2004).

4 Even if Defendants have not waived their personal jurisdiction arguments, the Court may  
5 properly exercise personal jurisdiction. A court may exercise specific jurisdiction over a nonresident  
6 defendant if “(1) the defendant has purposefully availed himself of forum benefits; (2) the controversy  
7 relates to, or arises out of, the defendant’s contacts with the forum; and (3) the exercise of jurisdiction  
8 comports with fair play and substantial justice.” *Yue v. Yang*, 62 Cal. App. 5th 539, 547 (2021). All  
9 three prongs of the specific jurisdiction analysis are met here.

10 *First*, Defendants purposefully and voluntarily directed their activities at California. Perhaps  
11 most significantly, Defendants marketed the Coast Runner at the “Maker Faire” trade show in Mare  
12 Island, California on October 18-20, 2024. (Cooley Decl. ¶ 29.) Additionally, Coast Runner’s Terms  
13 and Conditions provided that use of its website was “governed by and construed in accordance with the  
14 laws of the State of California . . . and to be entirely performed within the State of California.” (*Id.* ¶  
15 42); *Burger King Corp. v. Rudzewicz*, 471 U.S. 462, 482 (1985) (choice-of-law provisions relevant to  
16 personal jurisdiction analysis). Defendants do not deny any of Plaintiff’s allegations concerning  
17 Defendants’ contacts with California. Instead, they repeat their argument that “[n]o Coast Runner  
18 machine has ever shipped to California.” (Opp. at 13.) That allegedly no Coast Runner has been shipped  
19 to California does not mean that the Court may not exercise personal jurisdiction over Defendants.  
20 Plaintiff has alleged that Defendants targeted the California market by, for example, advising California  
21 customers seeking to purchase a Ghost Gunner that they would receive a Coast Runner instead (Cooley  
22 Decl. ¶ 22) and by including California-specific provisions in the Coast Runner’s Terms and Conditions  
23 (*Id.* ¶ 42). Moreover, if Defendants are indeed not shipping Coast Runners to California, then Plaintiff’s  
24 requested relief—a preliminary injunction prohibiting them from selling and marketing the Coast  
25 Runner in California—should not even be contested. Defendants’ arguments against the issuance of an  
26 injunction speak volumes as to their true intent.

27 *Second*, this controversy arises out of Defendants’ contacts with California because it is based on  
28 Defendants’ marketing and advertising of the Coast Runner to California residents in violation of

1 California’s Civil Code and the UCL. *Snowney v. Harrah’s Ent., Inc.*, 35 Cal. 4th 1054, 1069 (2005)  
2 (“Because the harm alleged by plaintiff relates directly to the content of defendants’ promotional  
3 activities in California, an inherent relationship between plaintiff’s claims and defendants’ contacts with  
4 California exists.”).

5 *Third*, the Court’s exercise of personal jurisdiction comports with fair play and substantial  
6 justice. California has a strong interest in adjudicating Plaintiff’s claims, as its legislature passed laws  
7 specifically designed to prohibit the type of conduct in which Defendants have engaged, and  
8 Defendants face no burden by appearing in this forum, particularly given that Defendants themselves  
9 designated San Diego as the forum for litigating any disputes related to the Coast Runner. (Cooley  
10 Decl. ¶ 42); *Vons Companies, Inc. v. Seabest Foods, Inc.*, 14 Cal. 4th 434, 448 (1996) (instructing courts  
11 to consider “the burden on the defendant of appearing in the forum” and “the forum state’s interest in  
12 adjudicating the claim”).

13 **B. The Balancing of Harms Favors Issuing a Preliminary Injunction**

14 Defendants do not contest that the people of California face imminent and irreparable harm from  
15 the sale and marketing of Coast Runner machines. Rather, they claim that “the balance must be struck  
16 differently” when “First and Second Amendment rights are implicated.” (Opp. at 14.) There is zero  
17 support for this argument. This case concerns Defendants’ marketing and sale of an illegal CNC milling  
18 machine; not First or Second Amendment rights. *See supra* § II.A.2.<sup>7</sup>

19 Defendants also argue that Plaintiff must provide “[c]ompelling empirical support” of the  
20 “benefit” of the requested relief. (Opp. at 15 (internal quotations omitted).) Once again, Defendants  
21 misstate the relevant standard. The cases cited by Defendants do not even involve California law or  
22 motions for preliminary injunctions. *See United States v. Playboy Ent. Grp., Inc.*, 529 U.S. 803 (2000)  
23 (Telecommunication Act § 505); *Globe Newspaper Co. v. Superior Ct. for Norfolk Cnty.*, 457 U.S. 596  
24 (1982) (Massachusetts statute allowing exclusion of press from certain trials); *Lorillard Tobacco Co. v.*

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26 <sup>7</sup> Because Defendants do not develop any particular First Amendment arguments in their  
27 opposition, this Court should consider the issue waived for purposes of this motion. Regardless, the  
28 requested preliminary injunction is not a “prior restraint” because it seeks to prohibit unlawful  
commercial speech and conduct. *People ex rel. Gascon v. HomeAdvisor, Inc.*, 49 Cal. App. 5th 1073,  
1089 (2020) (“Once specific expressional acts are properly determined to be unprotected by the First  
Amendment, there can be no objection to their subsequent suppression.”) (cleaned up).

1 *Reilly*, 533 U.S. 525 (2001) (Massachusetts restrictions on cigarette advertising).

2 Under California law, where, as here, a governmental entity seeks to enjoin illegal activity, “a  
3 rebuttable presumption arises that the potential harm to the public outweighs the potential harm to the  
4 defendant.” *IT Corp. v. Cnty. of Imperial*, 35 Cal. 3d 63, 72 (1983). Here, the California legislature has  
5 already determined that significant public harm will result from the marketing and sale of CNC milling  
6 machines such as the Coast Runner by enacting § 3273.62, and sub-section (d) of the statute expressly  
7 authorizes injunctive relief. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption that the harm to the public  
8 outweighs any potential harm to Defendants.

9 As detailed extensively in § III.B of Plaintiff’s Motion, the harm posed by ghost guns—and the  
10 CNC mills that create them—is profound. California has more ghost gun recoveries than any other  
11 state, and the number of ghost guns recovered in connection with criminal activity has skyrocketed in  
12 recent years. (Mot. at 9-11.) Since Plaintiff filed its Motion in October 2024, there have been more  
13 instances of violent crime carried out with ghost guns in California. In December 2024, a man in  
14 northern California used a ghost gun to shoot and severely injure two kindergarten students. (Cooley  
15 Reply Decl. ¶ 4.) In February 2025, officials in Solano County arrested a man who used a ghost gun in a  
16 freeway shooting that left multiple people injured. (*Id.* ¶ 5.) Defendants’ Ghost Gunner machine has  
17 also been involved in recent crimes. In February, the U.S. Department of Justice charged six individuals  
18 in Florida who “assembled, manufactured, and modified semi-automatic and automatic firearms” using a  
19 Ghost Gunner in connection with a gun trafficking operation. (*Id.* ¶ 6.)

### 20 **III. CONCLUSION**

21 For all the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully asks this Court to enter the requested  
22 injunction order enjoining Defendants and their employees, agents, attorneys, experts, assigns, and all  
23 those acting in concert with them from: selling, offering to sell, transferring, advertising, or marketing  
24 the Coast Runner, and any other CNC milling machine, in California.<sup>8</sup>

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27 <sup>8</sup> Defendants argue that the Court should reject Plaintiff’s request for injunctive relief with respect  
28 to “any other CNC milling machine.” (Opp. at 15.) Plaintiff includes this request because Defendants’  
sale and marketing of the Coast Runner shows that they will simply rebrand their existing Ghost Gunner  
machine in order to evade any regulation of the device.

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