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Mr. Douglas M. Kiesler Chief Executive Officer Kiesler Police Supply, Inc. 2802 Sable Mill Road Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Dear Mr. Kiesler,

The State of Iowa currently has a contract with your company to equip our law enforcement personnel with the best possible equipment to ensure their protection and give them the ability to carry out their public safety responsibilities in the most effective manner possible.

At a moment of great disruption and risk, I am turning to you in hopes that you can help us build on this track record. As the blueprints for 3D printed guns go live online, which will enable firearms to bypass background check and licensing processes, I am particularly interested in Kiesler Police Supply Inc.'s point of view on this matter and would welcome the opportunity to work with you to develop a coordinated response.

As you well know, this is a highly polarized and contentious time in America when it comes to guns and gun violence. More than 30,000 Americans are killed each year with firearms. Tens of thousands more are injured. No community is unaffected, including our own. I trust that you share our commitment to significantly reduce these numbers as you know better than anyone that we will need to develop innovative solutions to improve gun safety and security, and we will need to work together to implement them.

As I join with municipalities, counties and states across the nation seeking to reduce the number of deaths and injuries associated with firearms in America we believe there is a central role for leaders in the gun industry to play if we are to advance meaningful progress in this regard. As the

Chief Executive Officer of Kiesler Police Supply Inc. and a current provider for our State you, in particular, have a critical role to play in these efforts.

I have sent a letter to Glock Ges. m. b. H. asking for basic information about its capabilities, practices and plans related to gun safety, as a first step. As a result of the State of Iowa's business relationship with your company through which we purchase Glock handguns, I am asking for your assistance in obtaining a meeting with Glock's CEO Mr. Gaston Glock Sr. I hope that this information can serve as the basis for a productive engagement about issues of mutual concern.

Please find attached a Request for Information with specific questions about Glock's distribution practices and its current safety technologies and research. In addition to your assistance brokering a meeting with Mr. Glock Sr., I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further and await your response within the next 30 days.

There is an insidious cycle in which we equip our law enforcement with the firearms they need only to find that they are facing greater firepower on the street, that weapons consistently find their way into the hands of those who would target law enforcement, and avoidable accidents occur. I know we can work together to reverse these trends.

Along with my colleagues across the nation, I hope we can begin a dialogue with you that leads to meaningful results.

Sincerely,

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