

WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Mr. Christopher J, Killoy President and Chief Executive Officer c/o Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc. 1 Lacey Place Southport, CT 06890

Dear Mr. Killoy,

In the last few years the State of Wisconsin has invested considerable resources on guns and ammunition, a significant portion of which went to purchasing handguns manufactured by your company.

As you well know, this is a highly polarized and contentious time in our country when it comes to guns and gun violence. Tragically, each year more than 30,000 Americans are killed with firearms with additional firearm injuries numbering in the tens of thousands. The social and economic cost to our communities is staggering. We are deeply concerned that this problem will continue to grow as 3D printed guns become more widely available without background checks and licensing processes.

We are part of a growing majority of Americans seeking to reduce the number of deaths and injuries associated with firearms in America. We believe there is a central role for the leaders of firearm manufacturers to play if we are to advance meaningful progress in this regard.

To increase public safety we are asking for basic information about your company's capabilities, practices and plans related to gun safety. This information will be highly valuable in our efforts to protect our law enforcement officers and the general public.

Please find attached a request for information with specific questions about your company's distribution practices and current safety technologies and research. We would welcome any other information you would like to share regarding your company's actions or plans designed to respond to 3D printing, reduce gun theft (including theft of police officers' guns), accidental shootings, and illegal gun sales.

Thank you in advance for your responses. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in the next 30 days to discuss this further and await your response.

There is costly 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 the public and law enforcement, and that avoidable accidents occur. We know we can work together to reverse these trends.

Along with our colleagues across the nation, we hope we can begin a dialogue with you that leads to increased public safety.

Sincerely,

Senator Chris Larson

Representative David Bowen