

February 27, 2014

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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This letter is written on behalf of the New Jersey Million Mom Chapters of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

In 2002 the State of New Jersey passed the landmark New Jersey Personalized Handgun Law (N.J.S.2C:58-2.3.2), due in large part to the efforts of the moms and families in New Jersey who were committed to preventing avoidable gun deaths of children and adults. New Jersey's law led the way by requiring feasible, user-authorized safety technology that may well have the greatest potential to save lives caused by handguns.

Despite the significance of the statute and its potential to save lives, the Office of the State Attorney General has failed to discharge its responsibilities under the statute. Recent developments—namely the reported availability of a personalized handgun in the United States—mean that it is even more critical that action be taken with respect to this statute.

The New Jersey Personalized Handgun Law places an obligation on you, as State Attorney General, to report to the Governor and Legislature on the availability of personalized handguns for retail sales purposes. The statute goes on to provide that within 30 months after you deem that such a gun is available, the Superintendent of the State Police must promulgate a list of personalized handguns. Six months thereafter non-personalized handguns would be prohibited from sale in the State of New Jersey.

The enforcement of this statute would bring about a momentous change in both gun regulation and gun safety. The statute's requirement that handguns sold in New Jersey be personalized will save lives by greatly reducing gun violence, suicides and accidental

shootings. Personalized handguns can only be fired by the authorized user. Thus, personalized handguns will enable law-abiding, responsible gun owners to protect their households or use a gun for other legitimate purposes. A gun in the hands of a thief, a child, or an unstable family member will not fire. The law will therefore deter firearm theft and protect gun owners from having their own guns used against them. This statute would also prevent unintentional and accidental deaths at the hands of children who have accessed their parents' guns.

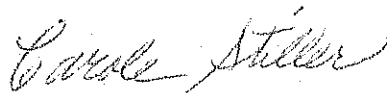
As mentioned above, this statute places an obligation on you to report on the availability of personalized handguns every six months. For the last 10 years the Attorney General has failed to comply with the reporting requirement in the statute. No report has been delivered since 2003, and that 2003 report has not been located or shared by your office. While such an appalling failure is cause for great concern under any set of circumstances, it is particularly troubling in light of recent developments in gun technology.

It has been widely reported that personalized technology is feasible and available. For example, the Armatix iP1 pairs with a watch that electronically controls the gun's ability to fire – the gun will not fire unless the watch is within close range of the handgun. Numerous news outlets are reporting that this gun is available for purchase in California.

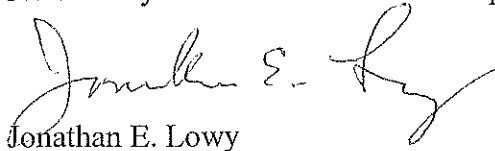
We request that you fulfill the promise of this statute – the prevention of many avoidable accidents and gun-related fatalities – by discharging your duty to report on the availability of Armatix iP1 and other personalized handgun technologies to the Governor and Legislature as mandated in N.J.S.2C:58-2.3.2(b). Your report would trigger the 36-month period after which non-personalized handguns could no longer be sold in the State of New Jersey. This would change the landscape of gun safety and gun regulation nationwide by stimulating a race to the top in the development of this kind of technology.

We respectfully ask for a response from your Office within 30 days; otherwise we will commence appropriate action to ensure compliance with the statute.

Sincerely,



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