Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write you today about multiple news reports that the White House is considering bypassing Congress to implement gun control policies that would unfairly target millions of law abiding Americans without making any meaningful impact on safety.

As you know, 18 U.S.C. 921 & 922 require professional gun dealers to obtain a license from the Attorney General and to conduct federal background checks on all gun purchasers, whether the transaction takes place at a gun show or elsewhere.

On October 9th NBC News first reported a proposed executive order that would expand the definition of "dealer" to include anyone selling "50 or 100 guns a year." We are not aware of any evidence suggesting this policy change would prevent violence or do anything other than unfairly demonize gun owners and gun shows.

In fact, Washington Post fact checkers recently confirmed their agreement with the sad truth that none of the recent months' and years' major shootings would have been prevented by stricter gun control laws.

If the reports of unilateral action are accurate, every one of the current and future law abiding gun owners we represent and you were elected to lead deserve to know how you chose this policy. We respectfully request answers to the following questions about the reasoning and goals underpinning your proposal:

- Did the Vice President and his gun control commission recommend this policy for inclusion among the 23 executive actions announced by the White House in January 2013? If so, why was it excluded from the announcement?
- Is the White House relying on any new data that was not available when those actions were announced?
- Does the White House have any evidence private sellers' transaction volumes and the propensity for illegal sales are positively correlated?
- Does the White House believe this new policy would have prevented any of the recent years' major shootings?
- Does the White House expect criminals to voluntarily comply with the new rules?

We know that you agree federal policy should be driven by facts and logic. The reported proposal appears to be driven by neither, and in the process risks alienating millions of law abiding Americans. The undersigned hope that you will calmly consider and answer the

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questions above prior to issuing an executive order like the one reported on October 9th. Please contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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