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To: House Judiciary Committee Members

RE: Vote Yes on Committee Consideration of Anti-Crime Guns Legislative Package (HB 335, HB 336, HB 483, HB 777, HB 1157, HB 1190 & HB 1859)

Dear Representative,

We urge you to vote **YES** on a package of bills to help make Pennsylvanians safer by stopping illegal firearm trafficking and preventing the use of firearms often used in mass shootings. (**HB 335, HB 336, HB 483, HB 777, HB 1157, HB 1190 & HB 1859**).

One of the common refrains that we have heard from opponents of gun safety policies is that we must keep firearms from violent individuals or prohibited purchasers. That's exactly what these policies do by closing gaps in the safety system and strengthening law enforcement tools.

- **HB 335** bans devices that convert a semi-automatic handgun into a fully automatic weapon, also known as a Machine Gun Conversion Device (MCD) or a Glock switch, by treating it as an offensive weapon.
- **HB 336** prohibits the future sale of high-capacity semi-automatic rifles except for U.S. Armed Forces, Reserve, National Guard, or law enforcement members performing or traveling to and from official duties.
- **HB 483** allows the creation of county Gun Violence Task Forces in a county suffering from high rates of firearm deaths. The task force includes law enforcement, public health leaders, community leaders, and other critical constituencies to coordinate a response.
- **HB 777** requires ghost gun kits to meet the exact requirements as every other firearm sold in Pennsylvania—a background check on the buyer and serialization on the components.
- **HB 1157** reduces the timeframe by which a judge must notify Pennsylvania State Police of a mental health record that prohibits firearm possession from seven days to between 72 and 96 hours.
- **HB 1190** treats 3D-printed firearms as standard firearms under law, subjecting them to all standing laws and regulations, including proper marking, recordkeeping and traceability of such firearms. This measure would also prohibit anyone from printing a firearm without a license from the federal government to manufacture firearms.
- **HB 1859** adds certain violent felony offenses (Including conspiracy, solicitation, and the attempt thereof) to the existing list of statutory offenses prohibiting lawful gun ownership.

The above-mentioned bills are not only very practical in scope, but they also enjoy the broad support of our coalition members, including law enforcement members, doctors, nurses, faith leaders, gun violence survivors (including the Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate), veterans, and the vast majority of Pennsylvanians. More importantly, these measures have been proven to save lives and reduce the proliferation of crime guns in our Commonwealth. We ask that you vote **YES** on these bills when they are brought up for consideration in committee.

If you have any questions about this or other gun violence prevention policies, please reach out to our Deputy Director Brandon Flood at Brandon.Flood@ceasefirepa.org or 717-623-2432 or myself.

Sincerely,

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