



September 8, 2015

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Member of Congress
2235 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cummings:

As President of the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE) and on behalf of our organization, I write to you today in support of the legislation you will introduce tomorrow aimed at strengthening our gun laws and making it more difficult for those, who by law are not permitted to own firearms, to acquire them.

We have been working along with other law enforcement and government associations to try and stop the gun violence that continues to take such a strong toll on the very citizens we are sworn to protect.

We are not against legal gun ownership, but recognize the legislation you propose in the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2015, is a crucial component to ensuring illegal guns are kept off our streets.

We have seen too many events tied to illegally obtained guns that have devastated lives and communities. With each event, the uproar from many is heard, but still, the appropriate action needed by Congress does not follow.


We ask that Congress take the action now to:

- Prohibit firearms trafficking
- Strengthen penalties for straw purchasers
- Enhance penalties for kingpins and multiple illegal purchases

Your bill addresses the concerns that the above stated action would provide. The bill has no impact on legal gun ownership or purchases. The bill is narrowly focused on individuals who purchase or transfer firearms with the intent of transferring them to criminals.

We stand ready to support you as you work to see that the right legislation is passed.

Sincerely,


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