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The Honorable Scott E. Hutchinson
House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
152 Main Capitol Building
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Dear Representative Hutchinson:

I am writing in follow-up to our conversation Wednesday afternoon. As you know, by letter dated September 28, 2010, Lieutenant Troy Lokhaiser, Director of our Firearms Division, sent a letter to Pennsylvania firearms dealers attempting to clarify a short article in the June edition of the Firearms Dealer's Newsletter. Unfortunately, it seems some dealers still do not fully understand our position on gun raffles.

Pursuant to the Uniform Firearms Act, county sheriffs and city police chiefs have the authority to grant licenses to sell firearms directly to consumers. 18 Pa. C.S. § 6113(a). That "business shall be carried on only upon the premises designated in the license or at a lawful gun show or meet." *Id.* at § 6113(a)(1). Licensed retail dealers also have the authority to transfer and expose firearms for sale or transfer. *Id.* at § 6112.

Accordingly, nothing in the Uniform Firearms Act appears to prohibit licensed dealers from simply displaying firearms at gun raffles, provided the actual sale or transfer to the consumer occurs at the dealer's place of business or at a lawful gun show or meet. Consequently, in an effort to clear up any lingering confusion, I have asked my staff to post this information on our public website.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. If I can be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Col. Frank E. Pawlowski", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Colonel Frank E. Pawlowski
Commissioner