



## NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC.

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Dora P. Schriro  
Commissioner  
State of Connecticut  
Department of Emergency Services  
and Public Protection  
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Dear Commissioner Schriro:

I am writing to formally request a meeting with you and your leadership team to discuss the policies and procedures that your department plans for implementing Public Act 03-13, An Act Concerning Gun Violence and Children's Safety, both in the near term and in the long term. As you are aware, the National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms industry both across the country and here in Connecticut.

As you would expect, the process of implementing the law has not been as straightforward as one would expect. There are always issues brought to our attention from our retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers throughout the state. Like all business owners and operators, both inside and outside of Connecticut, our members are very concerned about complying with this law and being able to maintain healthy and vibrant businesses going forward.

We did have a meeting last year with the prior administration, but unfortunately the communications did not continue. NSSF does receive numerous questions and requests on proper compliance, but we unfortunately do not receive communication or answers from the department. I would appreciate your assistance and leadership in making sure that we have an open and clear dialogue as the state continues to implement this law.

Just recently we were asked by retailers about the process for which non-residents can purchase ammunition and why a license to carry, or another comparable form of identification, from a non-resident is not acceptable.

Also, as of April 1, there does not seem to be any way for our sportsmen throughout the state who currently possess a hunting license to qualify for a long-gun eligibility certificate. An appropriate firearm safety class was believed to be offered through the Department. Yet, at the current time, there is not even

a form on the website to apply for a long-gun certificate. These are some of the areas which will adversely impact federally licensed firearms retailers and that we hope to gain some guidance and assistance in correcting.

I hope that you will be able to meet with us in the very near future. These are small, independent manufacturers and retailers whose businesses are at stake, and the last thing we want to see is to have any of our members not be in compliance with the current law.

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If you will be able to meet, please give my assistant, Marjorie Swarts, a call at (203) 426-1320 x.257, or have your staff contact me directly to make the arrangements.

Thank you in advance, and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience so that we can deal with this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence G. Keane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "K".

Lawrence G. Keane

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