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*Councilman*  
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Dennis Veilleux CEO  
Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC  
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Dear Mr. Veilleux:

The City of Baltimore has purchased \$83,294.92 in guns from your Company over the last 3 years to equip our law enforcement personnel with the best possible equipment to ensure their protection and give them the ability to carry out their public safety responsibilities in the most effective manner possible.

At a moment of great disruption and risk, I am turning to you in hopes that you can help us build on this track record. As the blueprints for 3D printed guns go live online, which will enable firearms to bypass background check and licensing processes, we are particularly interested in Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC's point of view on this matter and would welcome the opportunity to work with you to develop a coordinated response.

As you well know, this is a highly polarized and contentious time in America when it comes to guns and curing the disease of gun violence. More than 30,000 Americans are killed each year with firearms. Tens of thousands more are injured. In Baltimore alone 1,041 people have been murdered via the use of a gun from 2015 through today. The disease of Gun violence impacts us all and no community is unaffected. We trust that you share our commitment to significantly reduce these numbers as you know better than anyone that we will need to develop innovative solutions to improve gun safety and security, and we will need to work together to implement them.

As I join with municipalities, counties and states across the nation seeking to reduce the unacceptable number of deaths and injuries associated with firearms in America, we believe there is a central role for leaders in the gun industry to play if we are to advance meaningful progress in this regard. As the chief executive officer of Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC, and a long-time provider for our City, you, in particular, have a critical role to play in these efforts.

I am asking for basic information about Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC's capabilities, practices and plans related to gun safety, as a first step. We hope that this information can serve as the basis for a productive engagement about issues of mutual concern.

Please find attached a Request for Information with specific questions about the company's distribution practices and its current safety technologies and research. I would welcome any other information you would like to share regarding Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC's

actions or plans designed to respond to 3D printing, reduce gun theft (including theft of police officers' guns), accidental shootings, and illegal gun sales.

Thank you in advance for your response. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further and await your response within the next 30 days.

There is an insidious cycle in which we equip our law enforcement with the firearms they need, only to find that they are facing greater firepower on the street. These weapons consistently find their way into the hands of those who would target law enforcement, and avoidable accidents occur. I know that we can work together to reverse these trends.

Along with my colleagues across the nation, I hope we can begin a dialogue with you that leads to meaningful results.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon M. Scott", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brandon M. Scott  
Chair  
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