



## State of Connecticut

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Ron Cohen  
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Dear Mr. Cohen:

The State of Connecticut has over the last 5 years purchased \$1,417,589 in firearms from your company to equip our public safety personnel with the best possible equipment to ensure their protection and give them the ability to carry out their responsibilities in the most effective manner possible.

At a moment of great disruption and risk, we are now 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 SIG Sauer's point of view on this matter. We 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 gun violence. More than 30,000 Americans are killed each year with firearms. Tens of thousands more are injured. No community is unaffected, including our own state. We trust that you share our commitment to significantly reduce these numbers. You and your company 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.

We are joining with municipalities, counties and states across the nation in seeking to reduce the 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 SIG Sauer and a vendor for our State, you, in particular, have a critical role to play in these efforts.

We are asking for basic information about SIG Sauer'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 these public safety issues.

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Please find attached a Request for Information with specific questions about the company's distribution practices and its current safety technologies and research. We would welcome any other information you would like to share regarding SIG Sauer'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 responses. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

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. Weapons consistently find their way into the hands of those who would target law enforcement, and avoidable incidents occur. We know 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.

Sincerely,



Mae Flexer  
State Senator



Matthew Lesser  
State Representative