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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Commissioner Dora B. Schriro
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

RE: Timely Submission of Applications to Register Assault Weapons and/or Large Capacity Magazines

Dear Commissioner Schriro:

As we have discussed and as has been reported in the press, there are some individuals who may have attempted to submit applications to register assault weapons and/or large capacity magazines to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection ("DESPP") by the statutory deadline established in Public Act 13-3, as amended by Public Act 13-220, ("the Act"), but whose applications were not received by DESPP by that deadline for reasons beyond the control of both the applicant and DESPP. After reviewing the Act and consulting with the Office of the Attorney General, I'd like to provide you with additional thoughts and guidance in regard to the handling of applications received by DESPP after January 1.

Public Act 13-220 § 2(a) provides that "...any person who lawfully possesses a large capacity magazine prior to January 1, 2014, shall apply by January 1, 2014, ...to [DESPP] to declare possession of such magazine. Such application shall be made on such form or in such manners as the Commissioner ... prescribes." Similarly, § 7(a)(2) of that Act provides that "any person who lawfully possesses ... an assault weapon,..., on April 4, 2013...shall apply by January 1, 2014...to [DESPP] for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon."

Consistent with the Act, DESPP may choose to accept applications received after January 1, 2014, if the department has reason to believe that an applicant complied with the terms of the Act

by attempting to submit the application on or before January 1, 2014, even if the application was not received by DESPP due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

For example, if an application to register a weapon was signed and notarized on or before January 1, 2014, or an application to register a high capacity magazine was signed and accompanied by an affidavit that was dated on or before such date, the department may treat such applications as timely submissions. Similarly, if the department has reason to believe that an application was deposited in a mailbox or at a post office on December 31, 2013 but the post office closed early or did not collect the deposited mail that day, then that application may be deemed a timely submission.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'LB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Luke Bronin
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Office of the Governor