

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 7, 2022

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20535

Director Wray:

We write to request an update on implementation of the recently-passed Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA). The BSCA is an important first step towards addressing our nation's gun violence epidemic—a public health crisis that kills more than 41,000 Americans each year. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will play a central role in ensuring proper implementation of the BSCA, and we stand ready to assist as you begin implementation.

The BSCA creates new responsibilities and requirements within the FBI to enhance the background check process and reduce the trafficking of stolen firearms. Specifically, the FBI must implement a new process for background checks for people under age 21 who wish to purchase a firearm; allow access to the National Criminal Instant Background Check System (NICS) for a licensed gun dealer, importer, or manufacturer who wishes to voluntarily conduct a background check on a current or prospective employee; and allow firearms importers, manufacturers, and dealers access to records of stolen firearms so they may verify whether used firearms offered for sale to them have been stolen. Federally licensed gun dealers, importers, and manufacturers are the first line of defense to prevent firearms from flowing into the wrong hands, and the BSCA would give them new tools to combat firearms trafficking.

The BSCA explicitly requires the Department of Justice to issue new regulations regarding these background checks and the access to records of stolen firearms maintained by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) within 90 days of the BSCA's enactment, which occurred on June 25, 2022.

Now that 90 days have passed, we write to request the following information about how FBI is moving forward with implementation of the BSCA:

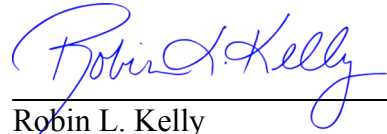
1. Has the FBI issued a new regulation authorizing access to NICS for employee background checks?
 - a. If not, what is the timeline for issuing such a regulation?
 - b. Has the FBI taken any other steps to ensure that licensed dealers, importers, and manufacturers have access to NICS for employee background checks? If so, what are those steps?
2. Has the FBI issued a new regulation authorizing access to records regarding stolen firearms maintained by NCIC?
 - a. If not, what is the timeline for issuing such a regulation?
 - b. Has the FBI taken any other steps to ensure that licensed dealers, importers, and manufacturers have access to records of stolen firearms at NCIC? If so, what are those steps?

As strong supporters of the BSCA, we stand ready to work with you as you begin to implement this landmark law. We look forward to receiving your responses by October 21, 2022.

Sincerely,



Jason Crow
Member of Congress



Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress



Grace F. Napolitano
Member of Congress



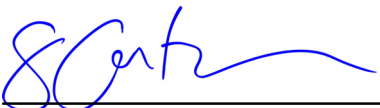
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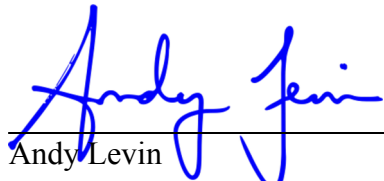
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