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The Honorable Bruce Rauner
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Dear Governor Rauner:

With renewed momentum in the critical fight to stop gun violence and gun trafficking in Chicago and Illinois, we write to ask you to sign the Gun Dealer Licensing Act (SB 1657) into law immediately. After fifteen years of advocacy for such a simple and practical regulatory framework, fifteen years of watching resources diminish at the federal level that prevent basic oversight over gun dealers, and fifteen years of firearms continuing to come into the hands of dangerous criminals, Illinois should not have to wait another day to enact the gun dealer licensing law.

As you know, we have long supported this common-sense gun reform, and passed a similar regulatory framework to provide appropriate oversight over gun dealers in Chicago several years ago. Despite our local efforts, Chicago remains a target for gun trafficking from outside jurisdictions, with a record 8,000 guns seized by the Chicago Police Department just last year alone. The City of Chicago's trace analysis showed that a sizeable portion, or roughly 40% of these guns, are originally sold at federally licensed dealers here in Illinois. Finally, of the 2,400-plus gun dealers in Illinois, just seven Illinois dealers accounted for approximately 20% of illegally recovered firearms on Chicago's streets.

We commend the bipartisan, bicameral efforts of lawmakers these past few weeks to bring this bill to your desk, and understand the courage and perseverance that it takes to do the right thing in this policy arena. With the enactment of gun dealer licensing at the state level, our state and local law enforcement agencies can finally take necessary steps and provide meaningful

oversight to stem the flow of illegal guns into our communities. While there is certainly more work to do, a substantial step and true progress toward gun reform was made on the House floor yesterday.

You have the City of Chicago's commitment to partner with the Illinois State Police and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and assist in any way to utilize the Gun Dealer Licensing Act to its greatest public safety potential. We look forward to coordinating our efforts and resources to combat illegal gun trafficking in Illinois once this bill is signed into law.

Sincerely,



Mayor



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Alderman Joe Moreno



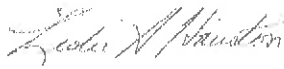
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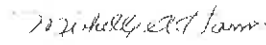
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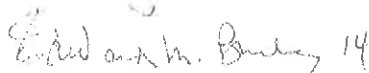
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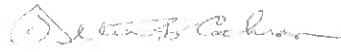
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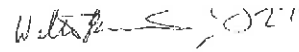
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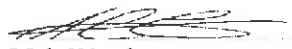
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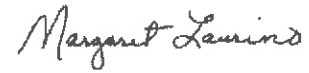
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