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Jim Bueermann
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The Honorable Elijah Cummings
House of Representatives

The Honorable Patrick Meehan
House of Representatives

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
House of Representatives

The Honorable Scott Rigell
House of Representatives

Dear Esteemed Members of Congress:

On behalf of the Police Foundation, America's oldest non-profit police research organization, I am writing to express the Foundation's support for The Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2013. In both my role leading the Foundation, and perhaps more importantly, as a 33 year police veteran, I know how crucial it is that we work to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals. Changes in legislation like this are significant steps forward to reducing criminal access to firearms that results in tragic acts of violence. The Foundation's Board of Directors, themselves experts in many areas of the criminal justice system, agree with me.

The Police Foundation applauds your bipartisan efforts to help make American communities safer through this Act.

I believe all thoughtful Americans will agree that there is no justification for "straw purchases" of firearms. The rational ownership and use of firearms in this country is predicated on the notion that only people who not precluded by law should possess them. This legislation furthers that idea in a way that is based on common sense, the realities of combating crime and disorder and does not abrogate the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,



Chief Jim Bueermann (Ret.)
President, Police Foundation