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The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
Member of Congress
2308 Rayburn House Office building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Maloney,

On behalf of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, we would like to take the opportunity to support the Gun Trafficking Act of 2013. A large number of firearms are diverted from legal commerce and into the hands of criminals each year due in part to the lack of federal and state statutes that prohibit illegal firearms trafficking. Specifically, the issue of "straw purchases" of weapons is of great concern, as it is considered a serious threat to public safety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter that we view as a legitimate concern to law enforcement and public safety. The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police is pleased to work with you and the leaders of both parties to make the Gun Trafficking Act of 2013 become law.

Sincerely,

Chief James E. Williams
President, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police