

September 23, 2010

Mr. Matthew R. Carlson
Chief of Police
Sugarcreek Police Department
212 Fox Street
Franklin, PA 16323

Dear Chief Carlson,

Thank you for your letter, dated September 5, 2010, to Attorney General Holder requesting funding support for Project Childsafe. Your letter was forwarded to the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), because it administered the Project Childsafe Program.

We appreciate your support for the Project ChildSafe initiative, which reached its goal of distributing 34 million firearm safety kits in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006. After reaching this goal, the program was still able to distribute approximately 315,000 kits to 536 state and local law enforcement agencies in 46 states in 2007, and approximately 350,000 kits to 650 state and local law enforcement agencies in 48 states in 2008. To support Project ChildSafe, BJA provided approximately \$87 million for administration of the initiative, which was funded through Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). As you may know, PSN funding decreased from a high of \$50 million in FY 2001 to \$15 million in FY 2010.

At this time, we do not anticipate additional funding for Project Childsafe. However, similar cable-style locks are commercially available; in fact, federal firearm licensed dealers are required to include a gun lock with each new gun purchase. While the Department of Justice no longer funds this initiative, we continue to support its message, "Putting a lock on safety in your home."

Again, thank you for your letter. Should you have additional questions regarding this matter, please contact OJP's Office of Communications.

Sincerely

James H. Burch, II
Acting Director