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The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
925 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder:

As a law enforcement professional, I am writing to urge you to continue the U.S. Department of Justice's funding of *Project ChildSafe*, the nationwide firearm safety education program that provides firearm safety kits to our community.

Thousands of law enforcement departments across the country—ours included—use *Project ChildSafe* to effectively raise awareness among gun owners to safely store firearms and ammunition in their homes. This helps prevent unauthorized persons, particularly children, from finding an unsecured and possibly loaded firearm in the house. A properly stored firearm can help prevent tragic accidents and also, potentially, reduce cases for the criminal justice system.

Project ChildSafe uses 100 percent of its grant funding from DOJ to purchase firearm safety kits that include a cable-style gun locking device and safety brochure, plus other safety education materials such as posters and child safety pledges. The program's administrator, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, assumes the costs of managing the program and funds the purchase of additional firearm safety kits.

Project ChildSafe has distributed 35 million firearms safety kits to nearly every law enforcement department in the country, which in turn provides them free of charge to gun owners. Demand for these gun lock safety kits continues in our community.

We believe it is important to continue the good work of *Project ChildSafe*. It is a program that can literally save lives.

Respectfully,

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Matthew R. Carlson
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