

# Congress of the United States

## Washington, DC 20515

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Dear President Biden,

We want to first thank you for your commitment to protecting our communities and for being a staunch ally to the cause of gun violence prevention. With the passing of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and the appointment of Mr. Dettelbach to the ATF Directorship, our country is already safer than it was weeks ago.

In mid-2018, the Trump Administration broke a federal law by allowing a small weapons technology company to post blueprints for a 3D-printed gun, which is also referred to as a “ghost gun” due to its lack of a serial number and regulation. By the end of 2019, a federal judge had ruled that this deal indeed violated the federal Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution; however 3D-printed weaponry is not included in the Department of State’s Munitions List in the U.S. Code. At the moment, it is illegal to own a ghost gun, however, because the 3D printed codes can be legally distributed, Americans can legally manufacture the parts, and create their own illegal gun that is completely untraceable and incredibly dangerous. These weapons continue to pose a threat to the safety of our schools, stadiums, places of worship, and other gathering places within our communities.

This is why we are strongly advocating for 3D Printed Firearms to be added to the Department of State’s Munitions List in the U.S. Code. As of today, the federal government’s official stance condones the development of these homemade deadly weapons, without any barrier standing between potentially violent individuals and an untraceable weapon. Anyone with access to a 3D printer can download this code, print a gun, and cause incredible harm. This phenomenon has been the cause of mass shootings and daily violence across the country, and will continue to occur if nothing is done.

Not only is adding 3D Printed Guns to the Munitions list a commonsense measure with wide appeal, it’s an action that doesn’t have any Congressional red tape in its way. The Biden Administration can take immediate lifesaving action without cost, and protect our communities by amending the State Department’s Munitions Code, making sure that these lethal blueprints are not available to the public.

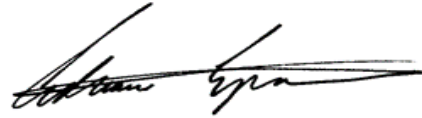
Sincerely,



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