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Mr. James L. Wallace  
Executive Director  
Gun Owners' Action League  
37 Pierce Street  
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Northboro, MA 01532-0567

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I write in response to the public records request that you transmitted to the Office of the Governor by letter dated April 30, 2007, seeking all documents "specifically proving that the lawful gun owners of the Commonwealth are responsible for the illegal gun trade in Massachusetts."

As a threshold matter, please be advised that in Lambert v. Executive Director of the Judicial Nominating Council, 425 Mass. 407 (1997), the Supreme Judicial Court held that the Office of the Governor is not one of the instrumentalities enumerated in Mass. Gen. L. ch. 4, § 7, cl. Twenty-sixth, whose records are subject to disclosure under the public records law.

Notwithstanding Lambert, it is the practice of the Office voluntarily to consider and to respond to public records requests on a case-by-case basis. In that regard, we have reviewed your request and determined, first, that it fails to provide a reasonable description of the requested records. 950 CMR 32.05(4); see also David Project, Inc. v. Boston Redevelopment Authority, 2007 WL 1302605 (Mass. Super. Apr. 9, 2007). Second, your letter seeks materials that are exempt from production under, inter alia, exemptions (d), (f), and (j) of the public records law, G.L. c. 4, § 7 Twenty-sixth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Pineault".

Michael J. Pineault