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VIA E-MAIL

Representative Quang Nguyen, Chair Judiciary Committee
Representative Selina Bliss, Vice-Chair Judiciary Committee
Arizona House of Representatives
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Ordinance S-50010

Dear Chair Nguyen and Vice-Chair Bliss:

This letter responds to your July 3, 2023, correspondence to Mayor Gallego and the Phoenix City Council (the “Council”) regarding Ordinance S-50010 passed by the Council on June 28, 2023 (the “Ordinance”). My apologies for the delayed response; I have been out of the office and remain out this week. The City’s Ordinance authorizes the City of Phoenix to enter into an agreement with D.T. Gruelle, a private import/export company, for the domestic transfer of selected unclaimed firearms to the National Police of Ukraine, a Ukrainian law enforcement agency.

The City views this transfer as similar to previous transfers of firearms made to local law enforcement agencies and with similar intent as donations “of surplus bulletproof vests and armor” to Ukraine by various Arizona law enforcement agencies announced by former Governor Ducey in 2022. The City intends to implement the approval of this item by our City Council and move forward with the transfer.

We also remain amenable to meeting with you to discuss this matter further. The City’s Government Affairs Director is available to meet with you both as proposed on Thursday August 17, 2023, at 1:30pm. He will reach out later today to finalize the location or coordinate a virtual option if needed. The City appreciates your concern and looks forward to resolving any issues.

Respectfully,


Julie M. Kriegh