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February 22, 2000

Ms. Anne Brown
Post Office Box 4708
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Dear Anne:

Thank you so much for your letter, which Michael Goldberg passed along to me. I was pleased to learn about *Heroes and Heroines Passing the Baton*. Although I never know what my schedule may hold, I have shared your correspondence with members of my staff and will consider your invitation to participate in the project.

I have always believed that mentoring is one of the most effective ways we can help our young people deal with their challenges and make the most of their lives. By providing them with positive role models, we can give them hope for the future and an insight into its possibilities. My Administration is working hard to find solutions to problems such as youth violence, but I know that no government program can truly inspire our young people without the dedicated efforts of individuals like you. By working together, we can counter the culture of violence and build in its place a culture of values. I'm deeply grateful for your caring commitment to this important endeavor.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. President,

Sunday, December 12, 1999

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As parents, we all understand we live in a time when our young people are more confused than at any other time in this century. A situation like Littleton calls our attention to the deep need for listening to our youth and responding with our wisdom and experience.

Young people are crying out for guidance, a helping hand, parenting, family values, signposts along the path. If we continue to ignore these blatant cries for help, we fail our children, our society, our future.

Our book, *Heroes and Heroines Passing the Baton*, addresses the issue of mentoring, communication, and guidance, thereby providing some of these crucial signposts. The book is a simple but bold project in which we invite high school students from socially and ethnically diverse backgrounds—including students from Columbine high school—to ask important life questions of well-known, respected adults. The adults answer with the wisdom of their life experiences. Part of the proceeds of this book will go to support children's causes. We are approaching David and Valerie Robinson, Christin Cooper (enclosed sample), Oprah Winfrey, Robert Redford, Andrea Jaeger, David Hermelin, Loretta Sanchez, and others.

We would feel very honored if you would join us in improving the lives of children. *Heroes and Heroines Passing the Baton*, offers us all an opportunity to invest in our youth by having important mentoring conversations with them, and listening to their concerns. Our commitment is to create a model that will encourage high-school students across our nation to ask questions of heroes in their community.

We look forward to discussing this project in depth with you and working with you on a concern that is close to all of our hearts. We have enclosed a sample set of questions and answers from Christin and Alana. Thank you for your time and consideration.

With Respect,



Anne Brown, RN,CS
Radio Host and Family Therapist

Tom Farrell, MA
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File: gun violence
Ann O'Leary -
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Comments:

Hi Melanne

I hope you're well. We continue to make huge progress in Massachusetts in reducing gun violence.

We now have the most comprehensive gun laws and consumer protection regulations (1st in Nation)

It would be great if the President and First Lady could highlight Mass.

like he did Maryland yesterday. Keep up the great work and please call if you think it makes sense to strategize further.

Best Regards,

John

P.S. I'll be in Washington on Monday if we can meet.



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**JACQUES AND STOP HANDGUN VIOLENCE ANNOUNCE RELEASE OF
NATIONAL REPORT FINDING MASSACHUSETTS TO HAVE THE NATION'S
TOUGHEST GUN LAWS**

For immediate release:

Date: 4/13/00

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BOSTON, MA -- State Senator Cheryl Jacques and Stop Handgun Violence today announced the release of a report from the Open Society Institute's Center on Crime, Communities & Culture finding that Massachusetts has the toughest and most comprehensive gun laws in the nation. The report is the first national report card and survey of gun laws in all 50 states. Massachusetts rated a score of 76%, followed by Hawaii (71%), California (53%), Connecticut (50%), Maryland (43%), New Jersey (35%) and Illinois (35%). The nearby states of Maine and Vermont were among the states with the weakest gun laws in the nation. Maine ranked last out of all 50 states with a score of -10%. Vermont scored a -5%. New Hampshire scored a 0.

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"This report confirms what we have been saying for some time, that Massachusetts is a model for the rest of the country in addressing gun violence through responsible gun laws," said Jacques, Chief Senate Sponsor of the Gun Control Act of 1998, the nation's toughest gun law. "By keeping guns out of the hands of criminals, minors and domestic abusers, requiring trigger locks and the safe storage of all guns, establishing strict penalties for gun related crimes, and requiring that guns be manufactured in keeping with basic consumer protection standards, Massachusetts is leading the nation in the fight against gun violence. It is troubling, however, to see how lax the gun laws are in many neighboring and nearby states. I urge legislative leaders in those states and across the country to look to Massachusetts for an effective model for reducing gun violence."

"Stop Handgun Violence is proud and not surprised that Massachusetts continues to have the lowest violent crime rate of any industrialized state," said John Rosenthal, founder and Chairman of Stop Handgun Violence. "We have the most comprehensive gun laws and juvenile violence prevention programs in the nation. We have reduced gun violence in this state by over 53% since 1994, and the Gun Control Act of 1998 has only just begun to show results. It's no wonder that Massachusetts is the leader in the nation for reducing gun violence when we're the only state in the country that requires both licensing and registration of firearms. If the Congress really wanted to reduce gun violence, instead of pandering to the NRA, they would have to look no further than replicating the Massachusetts gun violence prevention model nationwide."



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With new rules, two states taking right steps on guns

By Claude Lewis

For nearly two minutes last month, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening was clearly embarrassed. He stood fumbling with a push-button gun-safety lock that was designed to prevent children from killing or injuring themselves or others.

It got worse. A short while later, Glendening found himself featured in a National Rifle Association ad in which the narrator asked plaintively: "If your family's safety is threatened, how much time will you have to unlock the firearm you depend on for protection?"

The governor insisted that the safety device was effective, even if he wasn't. He conceded he would have been wise to have some training with the device before attempting a public demonstration. Although it was not his intention, his inept performance demonstrated that any person unfamiliar with a handgun's safety lock would have a difficult time getting the weapon to fire.

In Boston this week, things went much better. Massachusetts became the first state to enforce consumer-protection regulation of handguns. The new law requires handguns sold throughout the state to include child-proof locks, tamperproof serial numbers and safety directions. The law also goes a long way toward banning "Saturday night specials," the cheaply manufactured and often ineffective handguns commonly used in neighborhood killings throughout the country.

Despite such advances, the handgun problem in America is a long way from being resolved. Massachusetts took what is just a first, needed step that may ultimately create a serious breach in the protective armor fronted by the NRA, the nation's most powerful Washington lobby.

Massachusetts' new law affects every gun dealer and any handgun manufacturer intent on doing business in the Bay State.

"Our new law is significant because it is common sense," John Rosenthal of Stop Handgun Violence, a leading gun-control group in the state, told me yesterday. "If the state attorney general is allowed to regulate toy guns and teddy bears,

why shouldn't he play a role in regulating real guns that kill more than 90 Americans every day?"

"In the absence of consumer-protection handgun laws in Congress, Massachusetts has taken the lead in regulating handgun safety," Rosenthal said. "It's not difficult to make guns safer. Smith & Wesson is the largest manufacturer of handguns in the nation. If it can make its weapons safer without a problem, so can other legitimate manufacturers."

In Rosenthal's view, the courts and states are now doing what the NRA has prevented Congress from doing. "The NRA is the only obstacle to passage of national common-sense legislation related to safety of handguns," he said. "Because of the NRA's special-interest money and its powerful Washington lobby, America suffers 90 gun deaths every day."

Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly is talking with attorneys general in at least 34 states and expects that many of them will follow his effort to help protect the public.

Most of the nation's 40 million gun owners by far are law-abiding and safety conscious. But the widespread proliferation of handguns continues to be a danger. Handguns kill more than 34,000 Americans every year, 13 children every day and nearly 400 senior citizens every month. In addition, they are involved in more than half of America's suicides. So many youngsters have died by these weapons that such violence has become epidemic and a public-health issue. It is estimated that \$4 billion annually is spent on medical and psychological treatment of gunshot victims.

With nearly 250 million handguns already on our streets, and so many being manufactured daily, it is insanity not to follow Massachusetts in requiring a safety lock for every new handgun, tamper-proof serial numbers or penalties for failing to distribute safety warnings with every weapon. We have reached a point so critical that it is not the least bit alarmist to suggest it is no longer possible, in the Constitution's language, to ensure domestic tranquility.

Claude Lewis' column appears every other Wednesday. His e-mail address is claudelewis@usa.net


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Mass. to Enforce Toughest Handgun Rules in U.S.

By Pamela Ferdinand

Special to The Washington Post
Tuesday, April 4, 2000; Page A15

BOSTON, April 3 — The Massachusetts attorney general today announced that his office will begin using its consumer protection authority to enforce the most comprehensive handgun safety regulations in the nation, **banning the sale of cheap handguns and requiring all handguns sold in the state to have safety devices that keep children from firing them.**

The long-delayed regulations, which go into effect immediately, essentially govern firearms the same as any consumer product, from hair dryers and toasters to automobiles. They ban the sale of "Saturday Night Specials" and require all handguns sold in Massachusetts to include built-in child-proofing devices, tamper-resistant serial numbers and safety warnings similar to those found on cigarette packs.

The new rules also prohibit the sale of handguns without state-approved trigger locks and, for semiautomatic handguns, devices that indicate whether a gun is loaded. Suppliers are further required to explain to customers how to safely handle and store handguns and use safety devices.

Starting today, state officials and investigators will begin inspecting about 700 federally licensed gun dealers in Massachusetts and will issue warnings against the sale of any guns that do not comply with the tough new standards. Violators will be subject to a civil penalty of up to a



As Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly looks on Monday, a police detective displays a handgun with a trigger lock. (AP)

Gun Laws by State

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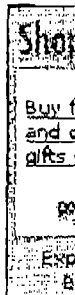
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\$5,000 fine for each violation, loss of their license to sell firearms and possible additional charges.

"If they want to do business in Massachusetts, they have to play by our rules--rules that emphasize safety," said Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly, flanked by several state representatives and gun control advocates at an afternoon press conference. "We're imposing these regulations, and we're going to enforce them right now. They are not going to have any time. Not a day."

With the gun industry specifically exempted by Congress from federal Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines, gun control advocates said enforcement of the restrictions in Massachusetts will add a significant new dimension to the ongoing gun control debate should other attorneys general follow suit, as expected.

The gun industry already has suffered several setbacks. Thirty different cities and counties have filed 20 separate lawsuits against gun manufacturers and dealers. And tonight, Maryland legislators gave final approval to a bill that would make the state the first in the nation to require built-in locks on all new handguns.

Springfield, Mass.-based Smith & Wesson Corp.--the nation's largest and oldest handgun manufacturer--recently agreed to implement certain safety measures in exchange for several lawsuits being dropped.

"These regulations are precedent-setting," said Dennis Henigan, legal director for the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence in Washington. "It's possible if enough states do this, the effect will be to impose national standards."

John Rosenthal, founder and chairman of Stop Handgun Violence in Massachusetts, agreed. "The attorneys general and the courts can do what Congress has neglected to do, which is simply regulate guns like any other dangerous product," he said. "We wouldn't consider selling cars without seat belts or headlights. Why do we allow the gun industry to be unregulated?"

The National Rifle Association in Washington declined to comment and referred a reporter to the Gun Owners' Action League in Northboro, Mass. An official of the Action League, the state firearms association, called the attorney general's announcement a "politically motivated and unnecessary level of bureaucratic intrusion." In a prepared statement, the Action League also accused Reilly of sending out a message that poor and minority citizens do not have a right to self-defense in Massachusetts. Education, not regulation, is the answer, it said.

"The truth is that firearms accidents are at the lowest number since 1903, despite the fact that the population and the number of guns have

has yet to reduce gun accidents."

Ken Jorgensen, a spokesman for Smith & Wesson, said the manufacturer anticipates that most, if not all, of its products will be compliant, pending further review of the final regulations. Whether other firearms manufactured and sold by Massachusetts companies and dealers will comply with the standards remains to be seen.

The regulations now being enforced have been on the books here for a few years.

They were issued in 1997—one year before Massachusetts legislators passed the nation's strictest gun control law, which includes many similar quality and safety provisions. Their implementation was held up by legal challenges from the gun industry, however, until the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled last year that former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger had not overstepped his authority by issuing them under consumer protection laws.

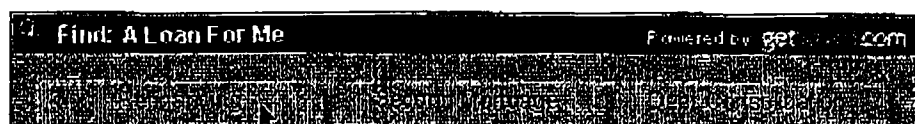
A final judgment earlier this year by a state Superior Court judge upheld the regulations and gave the gun industry until March 20 to appeal. The industry failed to meet that deadline, opening the way for Reilly to implement the regulations for the first time.

As part of his enforcement effort, Reilly said he will order independent performance testing of firearms. Investigators will conduct sting operations on dealers they suspect are ignoring customer warning requirements or are selling guns that do not meet the strict criteria. And warning labels on firearms sold in Massachusetts will warn customers that their handgun is not equipped with a device that fully blocks use by unauthorized users.

"More than 200,000 firearms like this one are stolen from their owners every year in the United States," the label will read, in part. "In addition, there are more than a thousand suicides each year by younger children and teenagers who get access to firearms. Hundreds more die from accidental discharge."

Reilly said the intent of the new rules isn't to put gun dealers out of business. "It's our intent to ensure that the guns they sell are safe," he said.

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April 3, 2000

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL REILLY SET TO ENFORCE
STRICT, FIRST-IN-NATION HANDGUN SAFETY REGULATIONS**

BOSTON - In a sharp blow to the gun industry, Attorney General Tom Reilly today announced that his office will begin enforcing the nation's most comprehensive safety requirements on gun manufacturers and dealers. The attorney general's measures are the first consumer protection regulations in the nation to target handgun safety.

"We've been playing by the gun industry's rules long enough and the results are devastating. That changes today in this state," said Attorney General Reilly. "The message is clear: if gun manufacturers and dealers don't follow our rules on safety they won't do business in Massachusetts."

The Attorney General's regulations fall under the state's consumer protection law and are designed to protect consumers and their families from unsafe handguns and unfair or deceptive practices by handgun dealers and manufacturers. They go into effect immediately. The regulations effectively ban cheap "Saturday Night Specials" and require all handguns sold in Massachusetts to include child-proofing measures, tamper-proof serial numbers, and safety warnings.

The industry has unsuccessfully worked to kill the regulations, which were originally issued - but never implemented - by Attorney General Scott Harshbarger in 1997. The court battle ended last week when the industry failed to meet the deadline for appeal of a superior court judge's order upholding the regulations.

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"It's time for the gun industry to stop making excuses for the senseless tragedy their products cause each day," AG Reilly said. "Most handguns don't meet even the most basic safety requirements. We wouldn't accept that from any other product and we won't accept it from a product that leads to 30,000 deaths a year in this country. These are common sense regulations that will be enforced and will save lives."

Under the regulations, it is now a violation of the state consumer protection law to sell, rent, or lease:

- handguns without tamper-resistant serial numbers;
- handguns without specific child-protection features;
- "junk" handguns that are made from inferior materials and cannot pass a performance test, and handguns that are prone to explosion or accidental discharge;
- handguns without state-approved trigger-locks or other safety devices;
- semi-automatic handguns without a load indicator or magazine safety disconnect.

Handgun suppliers must provide customers with a specific written warning from the Attorney General describing the dangers of handgun misuse and the need to reduce thefts and accidents. Suppliers must also explain to retail customers how to safely load, unload, and store the handgun, and how to engage and disengage all safety devices. Material misrepresentations or false certification in transferring handguns violates the Attorney General's regulations.

As part of his enforcement effort, the Attorney General will contact gun manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and trade associations to ensure that they comply fully with the regulations. He will request from manufacturers sworn certification that their handguns meet the safety standards. The Attorney General can also order independent performance testing to ensure the handguns meet the requirements. Investigators from the Attorney General's Office will conduct sting operations on dealers they suspect are ignoring customer warning requirements or are selling guns that do not meet safety and performance requirements. The AG is working with other agencies that share gun enforcement responsibility.

The Attorney General can seek injunctive relief, restitution, civil penalties, costs, and attorney's fees for violations of the handgun regulations.

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Also, Attorney General Reilly is currently defending the Massachusetts Gun Control Act of 1998 against three separate challenges in state and federal court. The law created a uniform licensing scheme for the possession, use and sale of firearms. The Attorney General has called upon the legislature to resist attempts to weaken that law through amendments.

Features of the AG regulations were incorporated into the recent agreement entered into by Springfield's Smith & Wesson in the nationwide litigation against gun manufacturers. Smith & Wesson's terms are more limited than the Attorney General's regulations, which are in effect today and apply to all gun manufacturers, distributors, and retailers doing business in Massachusetts.

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Office of Attorney General Tom Reilly

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HANDGUN REGULATIONS

Applies to all gun manufacturers, wholesalers and dealers doing business in Massachusetts

Regulations are effective immediately

Guns must have built-in child proofing mechanisms

Guns must have tamper resistant serial numbers

Guns must pass safety and performance standards

Guns must be sold with accompanying gun lock

Semi-automatic handguns must have load indicator or magazine disconnect

Dealers must provide verbal and written safety warnings from AG



**Office of Attorney General
Tom Reilly**

**ALL HANDGUNS SOLD IN
MASSACHUSETTS MUST HAVE
THIS WARNING**

WARNING FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL: This handgun is not equipped with a device that fully blocks use by unauthorized users. More than 200,000 firearms like this one are stolen from their owners every year in the United States. In addition, there are more than a thousand suicides each year by younger children and teenagers who get access to firearms. Hundreds more die from accidental discharge. It is likely that many more children sustain serious wounds, or inflict such wounds accidentally on others. In order to limit the chance of such misuse, it is imperative that you keep this weapon locked in a secure place and take other steps necessary to limit the possibility of theft or accident. Failure to take reasonable preventive steps may result in innocent lives being lost, and in some circumstances may result in your liability for these deaths.

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Comments:

Dear Melanne,

I hope you're well.

Attached is a request I sent to the President regarding our next Billboard Unveiling in Boston. The Billboard is 252 feet by 20 feet and is located on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Boston.

I've included a copy of the new message, and would greatly appreciate your help reaching Bruce Reed, the Scheduler and anyone else for that appropriate.

Please let me know if you think it's possible and if not whether the Vice President would consider attending.

Thank you for your help and please call. Best, John

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Re: Highlight Massachusetts Successful Gun Violence Prevention Efforts

Dear Mr. President:

We met several years ago at the University of Massachusetts in Boston when you were here to highlight the City of Boston's successful juvenile prevention initiatives. In fact you were kind enough to join me in a photograph with Mayor Menino in front of our gun violence prevention billboard (see enclosed). We later met along with the First Lady at Lew and Edie Wasserman's home the summer before last as I was a guest of their daughter Lynne.

In the past I have also met with the First Lady and Melanne at The White House and have provided position papers and talking points for Bruce Reed at the request of Senator Kennedy, Neera Tanden, and more recently, Ann O'Leary.

I am writing today to ask that you come to Massachusetts this time to highlight our entire state as the Gun Violence Prevention Capital of America. Massachusetts has enacted the most comprehensive gun laws in the nation and has the lowest violent crime rate of any industrialized state. Since 1994, we have reduced gun injuries in Massachusetts by over 53% from 818 in 1994 to 384 in 1999.

Most importantly, Massachusetts has proven that gun laws and effective juvenile violence prevention works to reduce gun violence dramatically. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that requires gun licensing and registration as well as consumer protection regulations for all firearms sold in the state. Massachusetts gun laws also require:

- minimum age of 21 years for gun ownership
- mandatory gun safety training before gun ownership
- gun dealers must operate out of commercial stores separate from residential dwellings (this law has reduced the number of gun dealers in the state from 966 to 580 since 1998)
- prohibition on the sale of Saturday Night Specials and Assault Weapons

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- "CAP" law, mandatory safe storage by gun owners or face criminal penalties
- tough minimum sentencing for use of a gun in the commission of a crime
- prohibition on the sale of guns to persons convicted of a felony or violent misdemeanor.

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In addition, Massachusetts' comprehensive gun laws have had bi-partisan support including from Republican Governor, Paul Cellucci.

We are planning to unveil our new billboard campaign on our large Massachusetts Turnpike sign (252' x 20') and across the state around the end of May (see attached). The new billboard will read: "Kids killed by guns today: 12. National gun laws passed today: 0. Tell Congress it's time to act". This would be an ideal opportunity for you to highlight our successful efforts and the need to replicate Massachusetts's effective gun laws nationwide.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and everything you are doing to help reduce gun violence in America and continue your legacy of advocating for social and economic justice for all Americans.

STOP HANDGUN VIOLENCE, INC.

John E. Rosenthal
Founder and Chair

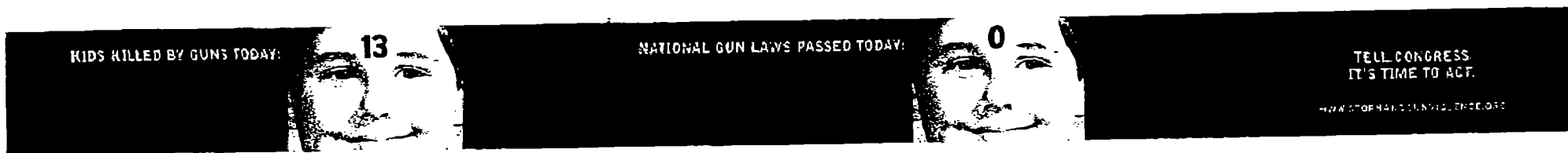
Enclosures

cc: Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Melanne Verveer, Office of the First Lady
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