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Mr. Doug Painter
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Dear Mr. Painter:

On behalf of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and your foundation for your significant contributions and crucial involvement in the "Don't Lie for the Other Guy" program. This program is vital in educating Federal firearms licensees (FFLs) and their employees how to recognize and deter the illegal purchase of firearms through straw purchases. As you know, it has been well received in communities around the country and is a great success. It is gratifying to see that the campaign has provided seminars across the Nation, as well as over 15,000 informational kits, including videotapes and other materials distributed nationwide to FFLs.

"Don't Lie for the Other Guy" is an important tool for ATF as we pursue our missions of preventing terrorism, reducing violent crime, and protecting the public through Project Safe Neighborhoods and other initiatives. The success of the "Don't Lie for the Other Guy" campaign exemplifies how ATF can work in partnership with the firearms industry to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchases. We value our partnership with the NSSF, and we look forward to continuing our relationship in our proactive approach to reducing violent crime by disrupting the flow of firearms to illegal markets through detection and prevention. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Carl J. Truscott
Director