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Dear Director Wallace:

Thank you for your July 5, 2022, letter expressing your concerns with the Joint Advisory Regarding the Massachusetts Firearm Licensing System After the Supreme Court Decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, issued by the Office of the Attorney General and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). We have reviewed your concerns about our analysis of the Supreme Court's *Bruen* decision and its impact on Massachusetts's firearms licensing. We stand by our interpretation of the ruling and the guidance provided in the Joint Advisory.

The Joint Advisory informs licensing authorities and law enforcement officials that they should no longer deny or impose restrictions on a license to carry because the applicant lacks a sufficiently good reason to carry a firearm. In compliance with *Bruen*, the Firearms Records Bureau will no longer print licenses with restrictions. The Joint Advisory also makes clear, that consistent with *Bruen*, it remains unlawful to carry a firearm in Massachusetts without a license and that licensing authorities can and should continue to enforce the suitability and prohibited persons elements of the statute.

As noted in the Joint Advisory, Massachusetts's strong gun safety laws have consistently led us to have among the country's lowest rates of gun violence and gun-related deaths. EOPSS will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure that Massachusetts remains a leader in keeping our residents safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terrence M. Reidy".

Terrence M. Reidy
Secretary of Public Safety and Security