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**Senator Chuck Grassley**

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Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Reed:

On behalf of the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys (NAAUSA)—representing the interests of over 6,000 Assistant U.S. Attorneys (AUSAs) working in the 94 U.S. Attorney Offices—I write to express our strong support for S. 3677, to permanently authorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988.

As you know, Congress passed the Undetectable Firearms Act to prohibit owning firearms that can pass through metal detectors unnoticed. Congress did not make the law permanent, but it has been extended twice over the last 25 years. The law is now set to lapse in March.

Historically, this bill has deterred manufacturers from creating undetectable firearms. As a result, very few prosecutions have been levied under the law. Nonetheless, this deterrent effect has been critical for ensuring undetectable firearms are not created and used in a manner that undermines public safety.

As technology, such as 3D-printing, allows any individual to become a firearms manufacturer, reauthorizing and making permanent the Undetectable Firearms Act is more important than ever.

Metal detectors are increasingly used as a non-intrusive way to maintain security in large public gatherings. In 2011, the National Football League (NFL) announced that all NFL stadiums would phase in metal detectors to protect fans and employees. Following the tragic Boston Marathon bombings, Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, and the National Basketball Association all began requiring metal detectors as a protective security measure in their stadiums and arenas. Similarly, nearly every government building across the federal, state, and local levels utilizes metal detectors.

Unfortunately, metal detectors are a pointless security measure if serious weapons can pass through undetected.

We applaud you for identifying this issue and pushing to reauthorize the Undetectable Firearms Act not just for the near term, but far into the future. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please contact NAAUSA's Washington Representative Natalia Castro ([ncastro@shawbransford.com](mailto:ncastro@shawbransford.com)) if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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