January 18, 2013

Vice President Joe Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As Sheriff of Fresno County, California, I have been elected twice and have sworn an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California. I first raised my right hand and swore that oath over 33 years ago and have continuously worked as a peace officer in Fresno County ever since that day in January, 1980 upholding that oath.

In accordance with the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, I firmly believe that law abiding citizens have the right to own, possess, keep, and bear firearms. I will not take firearms from these citizens and will not turn law abiding citizens into criminals by enforcing useless gun control legislation.

We must not allow the actions of a few cowards who are bent on evil to promote any laws that will infringe upon the constitutional liberties of responsible citizens who have broken no laws.

I cannot and will not stand idly by and allow unconstitutional actions to infringe upon the rights of my law abiding citizens in Fresno County.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Margaret Mims, Sheriff

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