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September 13, 2023

James Rovella, Commissioner  
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection  
1111 Country Club Road  
Middletown, CT 06457

Dear Commissioner Rovella,

It has come to my attention that DESPP has made the decision that, effective September 11<sup>th</sup>, its SLFU will no longer facilitate private transfers of firearms. Could you please identify any state or federal law or regulation that DESPP's decision was based upon, why it went into effect on September 11<sup>th</sup> without any prior notice or warning, as well as any additional rationale the Department has for this decision.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sampson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

State Senator Rob Sampson  
16<sup>th</sup> District