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The Honorable Larry Hogan
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Dear Governor Hogan:

Pursuant to Chapter 427 of the laws of Maryland for 2013, the Maryland Department of State Police was mandated to investigate illegal transfers, possession and transport of firearms within the State, including the number and types of firearms seized by the Maryland Department of State Police and the best information available as to the source of the seized firearms. Furthermore, the Maryland Department of State Police was mandated to report its findings to the Office of the Governor and, in accordance with §2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.

All firearms cannot be traced to their source state. This is due in part to firearms that were made prior to the marking and record-keeping requirements of the Gun Control Act of 1968, a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) that does not have records prior to 20 years ago, or an FFL who does not have a record of disposition of a firearm. Therefore, since October 1, 2013, the Maryland Department of State Police investigated 17 illegal transfer cases, 382 illegal possession cases, and 232 transport of firearms within the State. The Maryland Department of State Police seized approximately 941 shotguns, 1,040 rifles, 1,318 handguns, 185 assault weapons, 10 machine guns and four short-barreled shotguns. The following is the top 10 source states and the best source information of the seized firearms: (1) Maryland – 762, (2) Pennsylvania – 159, (3) West Virginia – 91, (4) Virginia – 86, (5) Delaware – 70, (6) Florida – 48, (7) Texas – 34, (8) North Carolina – 28, (9) Georgia – 22, and (10) South Carolina – 18.

Sincerely,

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