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Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

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Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

On September 26, 2006 I attended the PA League of Cities and Municipalities press conference to be part of the Mayors Coalition Against Illegal Guns. Your remarks reflected what other mayors are experiencing in their communities – an increase in crime and gun violence and unlawful gun ownership. The PA House met that day as a Committee of the Whole to discuss proposals to prevent crime and gun violence.

Many of my colleagues and I were asked to become members of your “Mayors Against Illegal Guns” Coalition. Membership in this Coalition was specifically represented by you to keep violent armed felons from our cities’ streets and to keep illegal firearms out of their hands. As a member of the PA League of Cities, I support the League’s policy positions which seek mandatory sentencing for repeat offenders of drug and violent crimes caught using firearms as well as other legislation that would help local law enforcement agencies to be more effective.

Through a variety of sources, I have learned that the Coalition may be working on issues that conflict with legal gun ownership and that some actions on your behalf are dubious. I have also learned that other mayors from cities large and small across the country have withdrawn their names as supporters of the Coalition. This letter informs you that I, too, am withdrawing from the Mayors Coalition Against Illegal Guns. The intent of the

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coalition was well-founded but current initiatives seem counterproductive to providing assistance to law enforcement personnel in their efforts to reduce the criminal misuse of firearms. Thank you for removing my name from the list of mayors who are part of the Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Wolf
Mayor

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