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VIA EMAIL

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Representative Daniel Elliott
 Kentucky House of Representatives
 702 Capital Ave
 Annex Room 313
 Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: GLOCK, Inc.'s Support for Machinegun Conversion Device Legislation

Dear Representative Elliott:

GLOCK, Inc. ("GLOCK") applauds your leadership in matters of public safety affecting the citizens of Kentucky.

GLOCK writes to express strong support for state legislation consistent with federal laws that prohibit the manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, and/or use of any firearm part designed and intended for unlawfully converting semiautomatic firearms to fully automatic. These firearm parts, also referred to as machinegun conversion devices¹ ("MCDs") by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"), are illegally manufactured and imported by individuals and entities not affiliated with GLOCK.

There is no connection between MCDs and GLOCK. GLOCK does not support, endorse, or in any way condone the manufacture, advertisement, possession, sale, or use of MCDs, or any other product intended to illegally modify a firearm. The association of our name and trademark with these devices negatively impacts GLOCK's brand and our decades long commitment to safety, reliability and responsibility. Glock vehemently denounces the illegal modifications of our firearms.

GLOCK has and continues to make significant efforts to disrupt the illegal proliferation of MCDs. We routinely identify websites, social media accounts, and other entities advertising and/or selling MCDs and issue cease-and-desist letters based on trademark infringement. Additionally, GLOCK reports abuse to webhosting service providers and files Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy complaints targeting MCD websites to acquire and permanently deactivate the domain names. GLOCK regularly engages with federal law enforcement agencies and makes referrals, particularly with Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection, to impede the importation and sale of MCDs. Finally, GLOCK maintains a robust public safety campaign and year-round digital messaging which includes awareness about the criminality of MCDs.

GLOCK is fully committed to assisting law makers and law enforcement in the prohibition and elimination of illegal MCDs. However, China is primarily responsible for the proliferation of MCDs into the

¹ Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, *Machinegun Conversion Device Fact Sheet*, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdok/media/1366621/dl?inline>.



United States² and it is commonly understood that enforcement efforts within China are limited or non-existent.³ Presently, enforcement is heavily reliant on US Customs and Border Protection to interdict illegal shipments of MCDs and the United States Attorney's Office to prosecute violations of 18 USC §922(o).

State criminal MCD laws that mirror federal statutes would better equip law enforcement authorities to remove MCDs from their own communities. It would also empower state and local prosecutors to charge and prosecute holding offenders accountable without having to rely on the United States Attorney's Office.

GLOCK fully supports state legislation intended to criminalize the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, and/or use of MCDs, and urges you to join twenty-seven other states in prioritizing legislation to stop the proliferation of MCDs nationwide. Please let us know how GLOCK can advocate for such legislation and meaningfully assist in this critical endeavor.

Thank you for your continued service and attention to this important matter.

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² See National Firearms Commerce and Trafficking Assessment (NFCTA), *Firearms Trafficking Investigations, Volume III, Part V* at p. 11, available at <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/report/nfcta-volume-iii-part-v/download>.

³ Letter from Brian Nickey, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Acting Assistant Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, to Sen. Charles E. Grassley (Jan. 17, 2025) (on file with addressee).