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The Honorable Jay Inslee  
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Dear Governor Inslee:

The enclosed 2016 White Paper, “Access to Firearms in Washington State,” was prepared in response to your request that, by October 2016, I update a White Paper issued by Attorney General Rob McKenna in 2007. I appreciate your leadership role with this Executive Order.

Since the 2007 report, the State has made improvements to Washington’s firearms statutes and background check processes. But as the recommendations in the White Paper reflect, problems remain. The updated report provides a roadmap for additional, common-sense changes to advance public safety.

These are politically challenging issues to tackle. I am convinced, however, that we have an obligation to proactively address gun violence in our state.

I look forward to working with you, legislators, stakeholders and community leaders to implement reasonable, achievable measures to reduce firearms fatalities and injuries in Washington.

Sincerely,

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