



July 2, 2013

John W. Hickenlooper, Governor
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203-1792

Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

We, the City Council of Loveland, Colorado write you to ask that you stay the enforcement of a recent House Bill that you signed into law, House Bill 13-1229, concerning the transfer of firearms.

This bill will have a detrimental impact on two Loveland charitable organizations, Colorado Youth Outdoors and Pheasants Forever. Bob Hewson, Executive Director of Colorado Youth Outdoors, has informed us that the result of compliance with this law will severely limit the ability of Colorado Youth Outdoors to carry out its important mission of connecting youth and their parents with the time honored sports of target shooting and hunting. Pheasants Forever's program will be similarly affected. The new requirements for background checks on persons being loaned firearms and the subsequent requirement for background checks when returning them to the original owner create an undue burden upon these charitable organizations. In addition, the personal liability for the actions of others created by this misguided legislation is an unreasonable encumbrance for such individuals and organizations.

This will have a very detrimental effect this summer on the children and parents who receive great benefit from Colorado Youth Outdoors, Pheasants Forever, and similar charitable organizations across Colorado.

In addition, there are many small business owners that will be adversely affected by this bill. The future of their businesses are put in jeopardy by HB 13-1229.

We believe that HB 13-1229 imposes restrictions that are detrimental to the livelihood and well-being of the citizens of Loveland and the state of Colorado as a whole. Therefore, we ask you to consider implementing immediately, in concert with the Attorney General, a stay to the enforcement of HB 13-1229 until the Colorado General Assembly can amend the bill in its next session. Thank you for your review of this matter which is important to Colorado youth and businesses.

Respectfully,

Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

Daryle Klassen, Mayor Pro Tem

Chauncey Taylor, Councilor

Joan Shaffer, Councilor

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