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The Honorable Phil Murphy
Office of Governor
Post Office Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

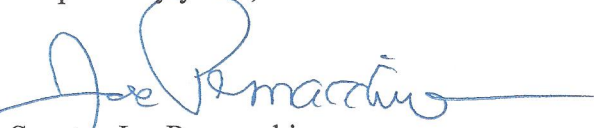
I write to you today to echo the community's call to reinstate access to the National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) system, and to deem our firearms retailers essential retail businesses in New Jersey, so that the people of this State may continue to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

Shutting down access to NICS and preventing the lawful sale and purchase of firearms, based on an "opinion" as to what is "essential" during the current public health crisis, not only violates the Constitution, but shows a disturbing lack of regard for the rights and well-being of the people of this State.

Now, more than ever, we must demonstrate to those who elected us that we are here to serve them and not to strip their constitutional rights away. To that end, I call on you now to recognize that our constitutional rights must not be compromised or qualified for any reason and allow NICS checks to continue and firearms retailers to reopen their stores.

Please right this wrong.

Respectfully yours,



Senator Joe Pennacchio
Senate Republican Whip