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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer Majority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn Majority Whip U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steve J. Scalise Minority Whip U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Majority Whip Clyburn, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Whip Scalise:

GOA has been monitoring the appropriations process on behalf of gun owners for several months now.

This process began when gun licensing, "red flag" gun confiscation orders, and gun buybacks were packed into the appropriation bills H.R. 4502 and H.R. 4505. GOA demanded the gun control be removed from the appropriations packages, but anti-gunners refused to listen.

While this gun control spending package is not immediately before the House of Representatives, gun control is alive and well in S. Con. Res 14, Senator Bernie Sanders' Budget Resolution.

GOA's objections begin with the Biden Administration's misuse of COVID relief. The *American Rescue Plan* included ostensibly innocuous funding for "Community Violence Intervention Initiatives." Shamefully, anti-gunners have seized upon these broadly appropriated funds.

The Biden Administration has been using funds appropriated for COVID relief in the *American Rescue Plan* to fund his anti-gun agenda.

Recently, after meeting with the White House about the insane crime spike in New York City, Mayor-elect Eric Adams bragged about using federal aid to "rebuild [NYC's] anti-gun unit." This is not acceptable!

And that's why GOA must key vote "NO" on the Budget Resolution—before we spend our tax dollars on more federal gun control enforcement. The new Budget Resolution includes funding for more community violence intervention programs.

Until the Biden Administration can prove that Community Violence Intervention funding is not misused to fund gun control and is only used for honest police work, gun owners must oppose these anti-gun slush funds.

GOA is demanding representatives VOTE AGAINST the gun control contained in Senator Bernie Sanders' \$3,500,000,000,000 budget resolution.

Yours in liberty,

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