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Re: Come Home to Arizona

Dear Mr. Kollitides:

I read today that New York State has enacted the most stringent gun control legislation in the nation, creating a government list of gun owners, and restricting sales of ammunition. That this law is ill-conceived and unconstitutional is palpable. More directly to you, your business and your employees in New York, the leaders in New York State have all but told you that your business, your job creation and your contributions to New York State are no longer welcome. Considering the long history of Remington in New York State, that is truly a shame, but it is a shame the state brought on itself.

I am writing to you to officially invite you to Arizona for purposes of re-locating your plant, and any of your employees so inclined to leave the confines of New York, to Arizona. Arizona is the best state in the United States for doing business and for living. The people of my district already welcome Sturm, Ruger Arms manufacturing in Prescott and American Spirit Arms manufactures in Scottsdale.

Don't just take my word for it. Come here and see for yourself, and take a look at this article, a portion of which I am setting forth below:

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Its dry, warm climate, its pro-gun politics and its shooting culture make this former Wild West state appealing to firearms and components manufacturers.

More than 100 manufacturers of firearms and components in Arizona are licensed and regulated by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Those manufacturers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in annual sales.

The state has mainstream manufacturers such as Sturm, Ruger & Co., which operates a pistol manufacturing facility in Prescott. It also is home to boutique companies, such as Patriot Ordnance Factory, a Glendale semiautomatic rifle maker, and Coharie Arms Inc., which assembles clones of MP5 semiautomatic rifles in Mesa.

Read more: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2011/07/15/20110715arizona-guns-special-report-employers.html#ixzz2IB8AWLy8>

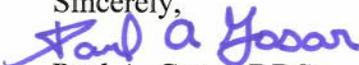
We have Elk hunting and other hunting opportunities in our forests. We have the best hiking, the most scenic views, and more clear days and sunshine than you can imagine.

The cost of living is moderate here and your employees will find affordable housing and good schools. Western Maricopa county near Buckeye and Verrado would be excellent locations for your plant and your employees. In addition, Yuma County (Yuma has a lot of veterans and two military bases so there are lots of potential employees), Yavapai County, Gila County or Mohave County are prime areas and would welcome you.

The people in Arizona cherish our Constitution, including the Second Amendment. Our State Government is business friendly. Governor Jan Brewer, supported by a business friendly legislature and a top notch Chamber of Commerce headed by Glenn Hamer, have all worked hard to make sure setting up a business in Arizona is easy and welcoming. The Arizona Commerce Authority is structured to help transition businesses to Arizona. Mr. Ken Chapa is copied here.

Let me know if you are interested in coming to Arizona. I will make sure you get a great tour and meet other business owners and state leaders.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Gosar, DDS

Arizona's 4th Congressional District

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