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The Honorable Don H. Dwyer, Jr.
154 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Dwyer:

You have asked for advice concerning the legal authority for gun dealers to collect a signature from someone purchasing ammunition. There is no law requiring gun dealers to collect a signature from purchasers of ammunition. This practice relies on the voluntary cooperation of private individuals.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rowe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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