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September 13, 2011

Hon. John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Hon. Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi,

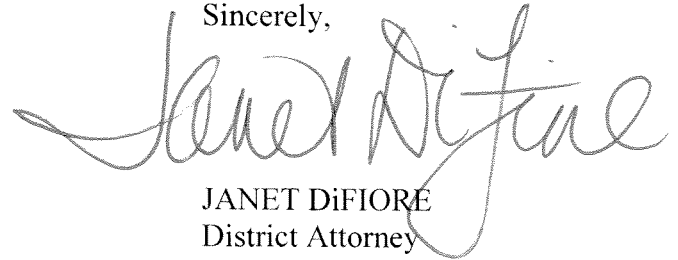
I write to urge defeat of H.R. 822, the National Right to Carry Act of 2011. Law enforcement officials throughout New York State responsible for public safety recognize that this legislation would be an enormous mistake.

The legislation would require that every state, including New York, give reciprocity to gun permits issued in any other state, even if the permit holder would not be allowed to carry or even possess a handgun in New York State. This would thwart longstanding laws in New York and undermine the work of law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In essence, this bill would create the equivalent of a one size fits all gun licensing scheme based upon the lowest common denominator. The proposed legislation would overturn laws which have been tailored to the needs of regions and local communities throughout New York. It would render meaningless our state's unique public safety concerns, concerns that have driven states like New York to adopt particular rules consistent with our own distinct worries. The proposed law would provide easy cover to gun traffickers who could carry guns in cars and backpacks into crowded cities around our state under the guise of an out-of-state permit, leaving law enforcement with the unreasonable job of sorting through the laws of the rest of the country.

In short, in the area of public safety, our federal system has left to the individual states the right to design the most effective framework for combating gun crime, trafficking and violence. This bill would override New York State's laws for carry permits by allowing concealed gun carrying in New York by people who cannot meet our standards. It would create serious and potentially life threatening situations for law enforcement officers who are more at risk with every car stop. And it presents an unreasonable bonanza of opportunity for forgery for gun traffickers to exploit the

variations of permits and then carry guns across state lines. In essence, enactment of this bill into law would cripple New York State's ability to combat the scourge of gun violence, crime and trafficking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet DiFiore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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