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September 14, 2022

Mr. Stephen Squeri Chief Executive Officer American Express 200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10285

Dear Mr. Squeri,

As a strong supporter of Second Amendment rights, I write to you today with serious concerns about American Express's establishment of a new merchant category code for U.S. gun retailers.

The right to keep and bear arms is enshrined in our Constitution. U.S. citizens are free to protect themselves, and the rights of law-abiding gun owners should not be infringed.

Unfortunately, American Express's new policy would track legal purchases, potentially leading to the creation of an unconstitutional firearm owner registry. In light of privacy concerns associated with this new policy, I respectfully request additional information: What is your reasoning for establishing a new merchant category code that specifically targets gun retailers?

I look forward to receiving this information shortly.

Sincerely,

Tim Burchett

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