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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

September 14, 2007

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**Re: Your Correspondence Dated May 14, 2007**

Dear Chairman Adams:

This correspondence is in response to your letter dated May 14, 2007, which my office received on May 24, 2007. We apologize for the delay in our response.

We appreciate your interest in exploring ways to reduce the backlog of cases pending before the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners ("the Board"). Like you, we are concerned about the backlog. It is our hope that Detective Karanda's participation at the Board's July 12, 2007 Special Meeting on this topic assisted the Board in understanding the complexity of addressing the backlog. We continue to remain open to suggestions for improving the process.

With reference to your suggestion that the Board set its calendar ninety (90) days in advance, we do not anticipate that doing so would have a significant effect on the backlog of cases. We believe that the additional notice of the Board's calendar would do little, if anything, to reduce the amount of time that DPS must spend preparing for each case.

Regarding your second issue concerning the legality of requiring an applicant to present two forms of identification for renewal, it would be inappropriate for this agency to provide the board with a legal opinion and we therefore suggest that you may wish to solicit the advice of the Office of the Attorney General. Additionally, to the extent that this may be an issue in any

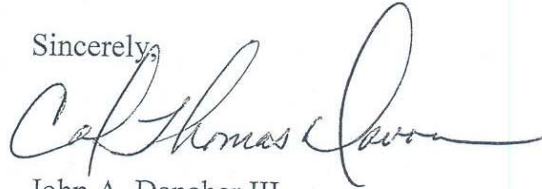
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pending or future appeal, we do not believe it would be appropriate to respond as it would be considered an impermissible ex parte communication.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to respond to your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Danaher III".

*John*

John A. Danaher III  
COMMISSIONER