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RE: Proposed Reciprocity Agreement on Licenses for Carrying of Concealed Firearms

Dear Lead Dep Atty General Altig:

The Rhode Island Department of Attorney General is in receipt of your letter dated July 27, 2018 regarding Idaho Concealed Weapons Licenses (“CWL”).

Current Rhode Island General Laws § 11-47-8 allows an out-of-state resident who is a holder of a valid license or permit issued by the licensing authority of another state or territory of the United States or political subdivision thereof, to carry a pistol/revolver in any vehicle or conveyance, on or about his person, whether visible or concealed, providing the person is transporting the firearm through the State of Rhode Island in the vehicle, without any intent to detain himself or herself and remain in Rhode Island.

While your state’s efforts to enter into a concealed weapon license reciprocity agreement with Rhode Island are respectfully acknowledged, there is no effort currently underway to amend existing Rhode Island Law to effectuate such an agreement. As such, the State of Rhode Island does not recognize Idaho’s CWLs or any other state’s CWL as a valid license for carrying a concealed weapon within this state.

Sincerely,

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