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Mr. Robert Sperling Remington Arms Co., Inc. 1007 Market Street Brandywine Bldg. Wilmington, Delaware 19898

Re: Remington Model 700 Rifle Safety Defect

Dear Mr. Sperling:

I am an attorney practicing in Portland, Maine. While doing research for a client recently, I came across a report of the Fifth Circuit's opinion in <u>Muzyka v. Remington Arms Co., Inc.</u>, a copy of which is enclosed. I was particularly interested in the opinion because I am the owner of a Model 700 with the twoposition safety described by the Court, and I too have had my rifle discharge unexpectedly when the safety was moved to the "fire" position (fortunately, the bullet went into some woods and no one was injured).

Since I am now aware of a similar occurrence, I cannot believe that the unexpected firing I witnessed was a coincidence. This concerns me because it leaves me with the choice of destroying an expensive gun that I enjoy using, or using it under the risk of causing tragic injury. I could not, in good conscience, sell the rifle given what I now know.

My question to you is, will Remington convert my rifle to a safe one by adding the newly-designed safety described on the second page of the opinion? If so, please tell me how I can go about shipping the rifle to your company for that purpose.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours, John D. McKay

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