



December 4, 2019

Attorney General William Barr
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC

Dear General Barr,

We the undersigned organizations representing chiefs, sheriffs, directors of state criminal investigative agencies and the National Network of Fusion Centers, write to request a meeting with the Department and its components regarding the launch of Project Guardian – A Nationwide Strategic Plan to Reduce Gun Violence.

Reducing gun violence remains a top priority for America's public safety officials and we recognize the importance of increased and enhanced partnerships with our federal partners like the ATF and U.S. Attorneys.

State and local law enforcement, as mentioned in the Project Guardian announcement, represents the bulk of all law enforcement resources nationwide, yet discussions between our members and the relevant DOJ components did not take place prior to the announcement. Further, we were not consulted regarding the process and procedures related to the terms outlined for NICS denials. To ensure all of the necessary stakeholders are working together to improve information sharing to combat gun violence, state and local governments must be part of the conversation.

Ensuring the success of Project Guardian is a shared responsibility and we are eager to work with the Department to implement practical and effective measures. As such, we respectfully request an opportunity to discuss our concerns and potential solutions at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies
Major Cities Chiefs Association
National Fusion Center Association
National Sheriffs Association