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### **Delivered via postal mail and email**

Carmella Sabaugh  
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### ***RE: Denial of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to man with Arabic name***

Dear Ms. Sabbaugh,

I am writing to you on behalf the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) Michigan Office. ADC is the country's largest Arab-American civil rights organization. ADC has protected the Arab-American community for over thirty five years against discrimination, racism, and stereotyping. ADC supports the human and civil rights of all people and opposes racism and bigotry in any form.

The purpose of this letter is to express our concern that an American was denied his 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right due to his Arabic name and/or ethnicity. On Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at around 3pm a husband and wife came to your office seeking a CPL and a CCW. Together, they completed the training course and submitted the application to your office. The wife, who has an Anglo-Saxon last name, was approved. Her husband, who has an Arabic name was told his application "looked suspicious." In addition, when the wife, who was immediately approved, conveyed she and her husband had applied and submitted their documentation with virtually identical information, she was given a reply that his simply "looked suspicious."

ADC Michigan takes very seriously the denial of constitutional rights, including those provided by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. For their privacy, the names of the couple are not disclosed in this letter. Instead, for your convenience attached are the course completion certificates as well as proof of payment that contains their names. Your prompt response to this letter is expected and appreciated. You can contact me at 313-581-1201 or by email at fatina@adc.org.

Sincerely,

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