



# Commonwealth of Virginia

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RICHMOND

March 2, 2016

Ms. Katya Varley  
KV Realty  
2300 N. Pershing Drive  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Ms. Varley:

It has come to our attention through various media reports that a company named "NOVA Armory" has submitted an application to operate a firearms retail store in your shopping center located at 2300 N. Pershing Drive. On behalf of the neighborhood and the broader Arlington community, we strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to grant a lease to NOVA Armory.

What concerns us the most is the nature of the business of NOVA Armory: the selling of dangerous firearms. As you may know, the Commonwealth of Virginia has the weakest gun safety protection laws in the tri-state region. In the 1990's, Virginia was known as the "gunrunning Capital of the East Coast" with one in three guns in Washington, DC and one in four guns in New York City with traceable origins determined to be bought in Virginia. The culprit was a law allowing for the unlimited purchase of guns, repealed in 1993 but later overturned in 2012.

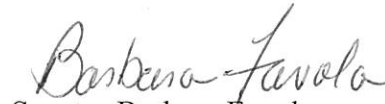
NOVA Armory is already marketing aggressively to residents of surrounding states, including much of the East Coast. Given its proximity to Route 50 with easy access to Interstate 95, this location could be the site for potentially nefarious and illegal activities such as enabling individuals to successfully obtain fraudulent Virginia drivers licenses to purchase firearms, illegally paying Virginia residents to buy guns, creating a "black market" to sell firearms for cash or drugs, or become a magnet for robbery as was recently the case in a firearms store in McLean, Virginia.

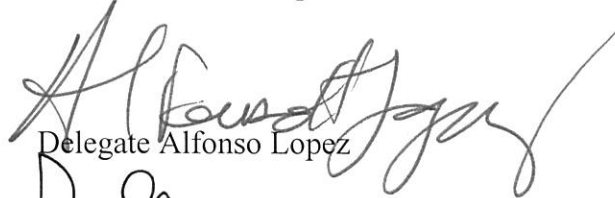
Just as importantly, we are deeply concerned about the impact this particular tenant will have on the rest of your tenants' viability and the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Specifically, small businesses rely on customers living in the neighborhoods to frequent their establishment and we believe certain businesses in your center will be negatively impacted. It is also troubling that the NOVA Firearms store would be located in such close proximity to a child care center. Moreover, property values may also be negatively impacted due to prospective homeowner uncertainty in locating so close to a firearms retail store. In conclusion, while the Commonwealth of Virginia has no legal recourse to prevent a firearms retailer from locating in the Lyon Park neighborhood, we want to make you are

aware of the potentially unintended consequences a firearms retailer will have in this particular location. The selling of firearms, while legal, does not reflect the Arlington community's values. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to reconsider your decision to grant a lease to NOVA Armory.

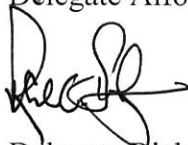
Sincerely yours,


  
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