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December 9, 2003

Mr. John Harris
Executive Director
Tennessee Firearms Association
P. O. Box 198732
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Dear Mr. Harris:

In a recent effort to post signs reminding our employees about the TDOT policy prohibiting firearms in the workplace for safety reasons, signs were inadvertently placed in Welcome Centers and Rest Areas in Tennessee. Our intent was to post signs in our offices and workplaces only, but our request was misunderstood. As soon as this matter was brought to our attention, the signs were ordered removed from all Welcome Centers and Rest Areas.

We certainly appreciate your bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy B. Steele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Judy B. Steele, Director
Community Relations

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cc: Velma Jones, Chief of Staff