

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Steve Huffman  
Chief Executive Officer  
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San Francisco, California 94107

Dear Mr. Huffman:

We are writing to urge Reddit and other prominent Internet search and social media companies to take immediate steps to block or limit access to 3-D gun printing materials available online.

Recently, a company called Defense Distributed announced that it would publish over the internet the blueprints for 3-D printable firearms, in the form of Computer Aided Design (CAD) files. The CAD files would allow users from all over the world to automate production of a gun using a 3-D printer. The publication of these CAD files would therefore make available to any person deadly weapons that are untraceable and undetectable, thereby undermining firearms laws and posing a serious risk to the safety of our communities.

While a district court recently issued a temporary restraining order to prevent the online publication of these CAD files, the order was just temporary. Moreover, there are already reports that thousands of such CAD files have already been downloaded by individuals, who can now disseminate the files privately or publicly on a variety of forums.

That is deeply troubling.

We appreciate that your company, like other social media companies, has terms of service that allow Reddit to remove content like 3-D gun designs from its platforms:

*“Although we have no obligation to screen, edit, or monitor Your Content, we may, in our sole discretion, delete or remove Your Content at any time and for any reason, including for a violation of these Terms, a violation of our Content Policy, or if you*

*otherwise create liability for us.”*

**Content Policy:**

*“Content is prohibited if it uses Reddit to solicit or facilitate any transaction or gift involving certain goods and services.*

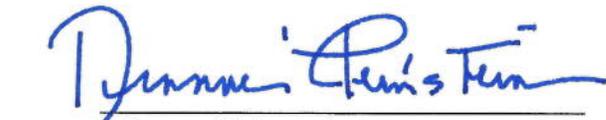
*You may not use Reddit to solicit or facilitate any transaction or gift involving certain goods and services, including:*

*-Firearms, ammunition, or explosives.”*

Based on your own terms of service, we urge you to proactively prevent the online dissemination of these dangerous 3-D designs across all of your platforms. Doing so will make all of our communities safer.

Please also let us know if there are ways that we might be able to assist in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



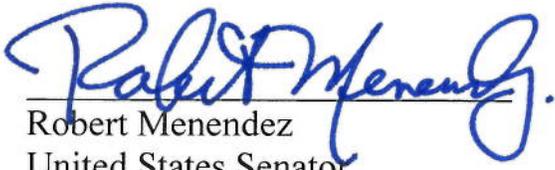
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