A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS TODARO, MILLS, GREENE, LORIGO

Re: Supporting an investigation by the Department of Justice into New York State's unconstitutional restrictions on the Second Amendment

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution enshrines the right to personal security and selfdefense, plainly stating in the Second Amendment that "the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;" and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, New York State Democrats have worked to systematically dismantle the rights of law-abiding gun owners and disarm them while enabling criminals and reducing punishment for criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, many of New York's gun laws directly violate Supreme Court rulings such as D.C. v. Heller, McDonald v. City of Chicago, and more recently, NYS Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen; and

WHEREAS, in the "Bruen Decision," the Supreme Court ruled that states cannot restrict the right to carry a handgun in public for self-defense if it is not consistent with the nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation; and

WHEREAS, in response to this decision, New York State Democrats enacted even more oppressive and authoritarian measures to restrict legal firearm ownership; and

WHEREAS, United States Attorney General Pam Bondi has created a Second Amendment Task Force charged with developing and executing strategies to use litigation and policy to advance, protect, and promote compliance with the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nicholas A. Langworthy (NY-23) has recently sent a request for Attorney General Pam Bondi to investigate New York's continuous and blatantly illegal violations of the Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature fully supports Congressman Nicholas A. Langworthy's call for investigation by United States Attorney General Pam Bondi into the restrictions placed on New York State residents' Second Amendment rights; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nicholas A. Langworthy, United States Attorney General Pam Bondi, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.