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The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Opposes 3-D Printed Guns, Citing Safety and Tracking Vulnerabilities

[Alexandria, VA] The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) strongly opposes the accessibility of 3-D gun printing technology. Downloadable guns raise many concerns for law enforcement officials and has the potential to worsen the nation's growing gun violence epidemic. Additionally, 3-D printed guns will be untraceable and background checks are not required posing a significant threat to law enforcement.

"We are alarmed by the potential threat 3-D printed guns pose for law enforcement in tracking and preventing instances of gun violence. The advent of this technology and the lax regulation it imposes creates a challenging environment for the law enforcement community. We are currently faced with rising issues of community violence, gun and gang warfare, school shootings and terrorists' threats. 3-D printed guns only exacerbate these issues. NOBLE seeks to block the distribution of these weapons," said Clarence E. Cox III, NOBLE President.

Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies are committed to decreasing instances of gun violence and preventing guns from entering the hands of criminals. This 3-D gun technology and its easy access runs an affront to these efforts.

"NOBLE applauds the temporary nationwide injunction blocking a Texas man from online distribution of blueprints for 3-D printed ghost guns," stated Clarence E. Cox, III, NOBLE National President.

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit <http://www.noblenational.org>.

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