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Mr. Michael J. Egan III
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RE: Weapons Policy at Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Dear Mr. Egan:

I am writing you on behalf of my client, GeorgiaCarry.Org, Inc. ("GCO"), regarding the Falcons' policy of prohibiting firearms and other weapons at games at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. GCO is the premier gun rights organization in Georgia.

I understand that the Stadium is owned by the Georgia World Congress Authority and licensed to the Atlanta Falcons Stadium Company as a usufruct. Based on that information, it is a violation of Georgia law for the Falcons to ban holder of Georgia weapons carry licenses ("GWLs") from carrying weapons at the Stadium.

Under O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127(c), a GWL holder is authorized to carry weapons in every location in the state, with certain exceptions not applicable to this instance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person in control of *private* property may exclude or eject a person in possession of weapons. The Supreme Court of Georgia recently ruled that leased public property is private only when the lease conveys an estate for years and not a usufruct. A license to use a usufruct remains public property and does not permit licensees to exclude weapons. *GeorgiaCarry.Org, Inc. v. Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Inc.*, No. S18G1149, Opinion Issued October 7, 2019. The Court earlier had ruled in that case that GCO may maintain a private action against an entity for wrongfully banning firearms.

In light of the Court's rulings, the Falcons may not prohibit firearms at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. I am writing to request that you eliminate your policy so that this matter may be resolved without litigation. I request a response by November 1, 2019.

Sincerely,



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