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Dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your interest in offering your products to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The Department is not changing the current weapons system but replacing worn pistols in the field and replenishing our stock of ready-to-issue pistols. The Department has 15 years of training invested in the current duty pistol. The dependability and performance of the currently issued pistol has been proven in the field, allows for the use of existing training magazines and magazine pouches, and does not require additional training for personnel.

Converting to a different weapons system will require a learning curve that could jeopardize officer safety. In addition, a different weapons system will be very costly in both time and money. Training all uniformed employees on a different pistol would require over 7,000,000 rounds of additional ammunition, the purchase of thousands of training magazines, the purchase of magazine pouches for all uniformed employees and re-training every weapons inspection officer statewide in the disassembly and inspection of a different weapons system. For these reasons, the Department is not considering a change to a different weapons system; however, the Academy Weapons Training Unit will continue to keep apprised of new products as they become available.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Captain Troy Abney of the Academy at (916) 376-3200.

Sincerely,

M. L. BROWN
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cc: Mr. Ron Joseph, Director, Department of General Services