

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 14, 2018

Mr. Jim Buckmaster
Chief Executive Officer
Craigslist, Inc.
222 Sutter St, 9th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94108

Dear Mr. Buckmaster:

We are writing to urge Craigslist 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 companies in this area, has terms of service that allow Craigslist to remove content like 3-D gun designs from its platforms:

Prohibited

"Users must comply with all applicable laws, the CL terms of use, and all posted site rules.

Here is a partial list of goods, services, and content prohibited on craigslist:

- weapons; firearms/guns and components; BB/pellet, stun, and spear guns; etc
- ammunition, clips, cartridges, reloading materials, gunpowder, fireworks, explosives

Please don't use CL for these purposes, and flag anyone else you see doing so."

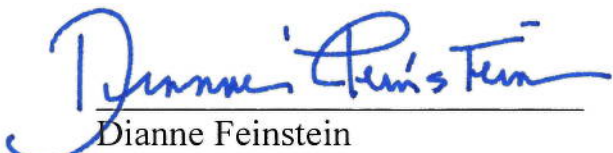
Use

"[...You agree not to post content that is prohibited by any of CL's policies or rules referenced above ("Prohibited Content")...You agree we may moderate CL access/use in our sole discretion, e.g., by blocking, filtering, re-categorizing, re-ranking, deleting, delaying, holding, omitting, verifying, or terminating your access/license/account.]"

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.

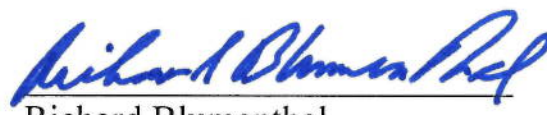
Please also let us know if there are ways that we might be able to assist in this endeavor.


Sincerely,


Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator


Bill Nelson
United States Senator


Robert Menendez
United States Senator


Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator