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Assembly Member Dan Quart
530 Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

Re: Bill Number A 2259A

Dear Honorable Dan Quart:

This is a letter in support of A2259A, An act to amend the penal law, in relation to possession of a gravity knife for purpose of criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree.

This positive legislation would ensure that law-abiding New York citizens and visitors are not criminalized for possession and carry of an essential and valuable tool to their occupation or recreational activity. Incorporating intent to use a gravity knife unlawfully will be consistent with New York penal law regarding other items potentially used in the commission of a crime.

The American Knife & Tool Institute (AKTI) is a non-profit 501(c)6 organization which represents all segments of the knife industry and knife users, promoting reasonable and responsible knife legislation and enforcement. We believe that law-abiding citizens should be able to carry their essential and valuable tools without the fear of arbitrary, inconsistent and ineffective governmental restrictions.

We support A2259A because it will also eliminate confusion for individuals and law enforcement about what a gravity knife actually is versus a variety of knife styles available and commonly used by electricians, carpenters, hunters, campers and others.

We respectfully encourage the New York Assembly to pass A2259A.

Very truly yours,

Rod Bremer, President
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