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Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of the American people. Your Administration has delivered meaningful victories for gun owners across multiple agencies and in Congress, including your signing of the One Big Beautiful Bill, landmark legislation which eliminated the nearly century-old \$200 National Firearms Act (NFA) tax on suppressors and short-barreled firearms. Additionally, your Administration has restored gun rights to over 250,000 veterans, rolled back reputational-risk guidance that had pressured banks to refuse service to the firearms industry, and expanded hunting access on federal lands. These achievements represent real and tangible progress for Second Amendment advocates.

However, as you consider the future leadership of the Department of Justice (DOJ), we write to urge you to ensure that your next Attorney General arrives with a clear, actionable mandate to deliver the full measure of Second Amendment restoration that you promised the American people. Gun owners across this country remain energized by your Administration's broader record, but their frustration with the pace of progress at the DOJ is real and growing. That frustration, if left unaddressed, risks dampening the grassroots enthusiasm that will be essential to retaining and growing the durable political majority you created in your sweeping 2024 election victory.

Therefore, we would like to propose a clear, actionable roadmap to deliver American gun owners tangible Second Amendment wins – one that requires no new legislation and can be executed swiftly by a determined Attorney General. I respectfully urge you to direct your next Attorney General to pursue the following priorities from day one:

I. IMMEDIATELY CEASE ENFORCEMENT OF BIDEN-ERA GUN RULES AND SECURE PERMANENT – NOT TEMPORARY – RELIEF

Three Biden-era Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) rules remain a festering wound for gun owners, and serve as a stark reminder that the DOJ has continued to defend the very overreach it should have spent the last year dismantling:

- Biden’s **pistol stabilizing brace** rule, which the DOJ continues to enforce against certain firearms despite pro-Second Amendment injunctions;
- Biden’s so-called “**ghost gun**” regulation, which survived U.S. Supreme Court review only because the DOJ failed to render the case moot; and
- Biden’s **engaged in the business** (universal background check) rule, which the DOJ has maneuvered to keep in place rather than pursue full repeal.

Mr. President, you campaigned on a clear promise, stating during your 2024 reelection campaign that “all of those Biden disasters get ripped up and torn out my first week, but maybe my first day, in office.”¹ Yet to date, the DOJ has failed to implement even your most basic directive to simply undo what Biden did to the Second Amendment.

For example, in your 2023 campaign speech in Indianapolis, you stated that: “I will eliminate the Biden ATF’s ridiculous pistol brace rule.” Furthermore, your 2026 and 2027 budgets sought to eliminate funding for Biden’s engaged in the business (universal background check) rule, explaining that “[t]he previous Administration used the ATF to attack gun-owning Americans and undermine the Second Amendment by requiring near universal background checks; subjecting otherwise lawful gun owners to up to 10 years in prison for failing to register pistol braces that make it possible for disabled veterans to [more safely] use firearms; the imposition of excessive restrictions on homemade firearms; and the revocation of Federal Firearms Licenses, which shut down small businesses across the Nation.”

Yet the DOJ has effectively defied that directive, asserting in court filings that the ATF “continues[s] to enforce the [National Firearms Act’s] and [Gun Control Act’s] regulation of short-barreled rifles against some brace-equipped pistols, even though the Rule has been universally vacated.”²

More broadly, the DOJ has repeatedly fought Second Amendment advocacy groups in court, defending these and other Biden-era regulations, along with unconstitutional gun laws, while seeking to limit relief even in cases it has conceded or lost. This approach has denied law-abiding gun owners the full benefit of their hard-fought legal victories.

Your next Attorney General should make clear on day one that these Biden-era rules will no longer be enforced and direct the ATF to immediately halt any new prosecutions or administrative actions based on them. At the same time, the DOJ must pursue swift litigation settlements that include binding commitments to rescind these unlawful regulations – not merely decline to enforce them – so Biden’s tyranny cannot be revived by a future Administration.

II. STOP DEFENDING UNCONSTITUTIONAL GUN LAWS IN COURT

The DOJ should not be in the business of defending plainly unconstitutional firearms restrictions, particularly in light of the Supreme Court’s landmark decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v. Bruen*. Your next Attorney General should issue clear internal guidance directing DOJ

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/FOrVO-upDFo>.

² <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.txsd.1905516/gov.uscourts.txsd.1905516.105.0.pdf> at 4.

attorneys to evaluate all pending firearms litigation through the lens of *Bruen's* text-and-history standard, and to decline to defend laws that cannot survive that scrutiny.

One urgent and concrete example bears emphasis. Even after Congress reduced the unconstitutional NFA tax on suppressors and short-barreled firearms to zero, the DOJ has continued to defend NFA tax registration requirements for a non-existent tax in litigation brought by Gun Owners of America and fifteen Republican state attorneys general. Your next Attorney General should promptly order the DOJ to cease defending these indefensible registration mandates, which continue to deny gun owners the full relief intended by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's elimination of the NFA tax.

III. REIN IN THE ATF AND REFORM ITS CULTURE

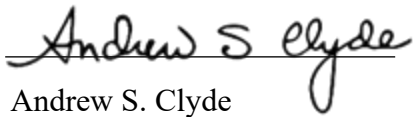
The ATF has long operated as an agency at war with the very industry and citizens it regulates. Your next Attorney General should impose lasting cultural and operational reform, including by:

- Supporting the reduction of ATF funding consistent with your Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Budget Requests, refocusing the agency's resources on genuine criminal enforcement against violent criminals and illegal aliens, rather than regulatory harassment of law-abiding American gun owners and Federal Firearms Licensees;
- Purging the ATF of gun-grabbing bureaucrats;
- Opposing any effort to create, operate, or maintain a federal firearms registry in any form;
- Stopping the ATF's release of sensitive firearm trace data in violation of the Tiahrt amendment;
- Shutting down and deleting the ATF's illegal, searchable gun registry known as the Out-of-Business Records Imaging System (OBRIS); and
- Reducing NFA application processing times;

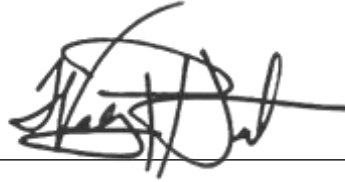
Mr. President, American gun owners have been some of your most loyal and enthusiastic voters. They delivered for you at the ballot box, and they deserve to see their constitutional rights respected in return. The roadmap above requires no new legislation – it only requires leadership, will-power, and a Department of Justice that is genuinely committed to your agenda rather than protecting its own institutional inaction.

The Declaration of Independence – the birth certificate of our nation – proclaims that all men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, among them Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, and that government exists solely to secure those rights. The Second Amendment is the practical guardian of those God-given rights, ensuring that free citizens retain the ultimate means to defend their lives, their liberty, and their families. When the DOJ defends unconstitutional gun regulations and the ATF is weaponized against law-abiding Americans, the government has betrayed its founding purpose. We urge you to ensure your next Attorney General understands that restoring the Second Amendment is not merely a policy matter – it is a fulfillment of this nation's oldest and most sacred promise to its people. We stand ready to work with you and the next Attorney General to see these priorities enacted, and we are grateful for your continued commitment to the Second Amendment.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Clyde
Member of Congress



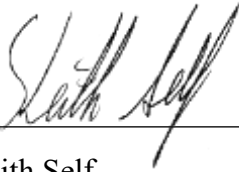
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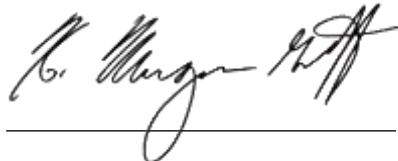
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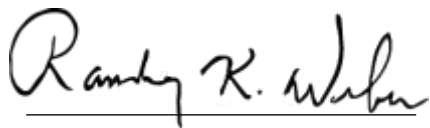
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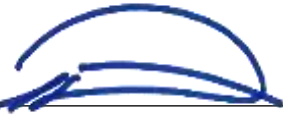
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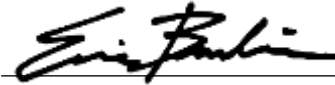
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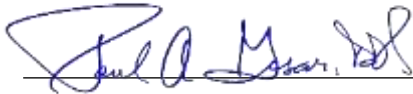
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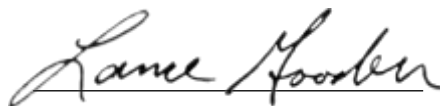
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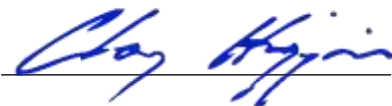
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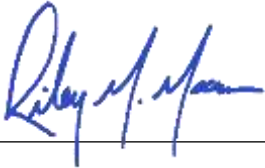
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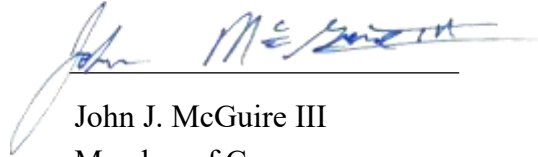
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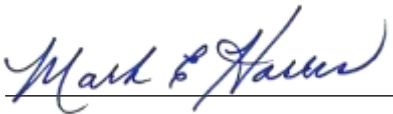
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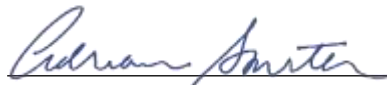
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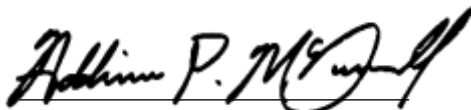
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