Sunday, February 13, 2011

Dear Barbara Terrell,

I am very disappointed with your attempts to require that certain federal firearms licensees report multiple sales or other dispositions whenever the licensee sells or otherwise disposes of two or more rifles within any five consecutive business days with certain characteristics.

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e.g. Solomon
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Barbara:

Could not agree more with the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the NRA in opposing a new record keeping and reporting requirement for multiple long gun sales.

1. Multiple sales reporting of long guns will actually make it more difficult for licensed retailers to help law enforcement as traffickers modify their illegal schemes to circumvent the reporting requirement. Traffickers will go further underground, hiring more people to buy their firearms. This will make it much harder for retailers to identify and report suspicious behavior to law enforcement.

2. Long guns are rarely used in crime (Bureau of Justice Statistics).

3. Imposing multiple sales-reporting requirements for long guns would further add to the already extensive paperwork and record-keeping requirements burdening America’s retailers – where a single mistake could cost them their license and even land them in jail.

4. Last year, ATF inspected 2,000 retailers in border states and only two licenses were revoked (0.1%). These revocations were for reasons unknown and could have had nothing to do with illicit trafficking of guns; furthermore, no dealers were charged with any criminal wrongdoing.

5. According to ATF, the average age of a firearm recovered in the United States is 11 years old. In Mexico it’s more than 14 years old. This demonstrates that criminals are not using new guns bought from retailers in the states.

6. Congress, when it enacted multiple sales reporting for handguns, could have required multiple sales of long guns – it specifically chose not to.

Thank you - No reply is required, just don't cram this additional workload down our throats.

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Dear Barbara Terrell,

I have submitted the following comments to the OMB on the aforementioned subject line. Thank you.

B. Jones
Taylorville, Illinois 62568

Office of Management & Budget
Office of Information and Regulation Affairs
Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer
Washington, DC 20503

Re: Federal Register Notice of December 17, 2010 (Volume 75, Number 242, Page 79021), 60-Day Emergency Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of concerned gun owners across this great country to offer my comments on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget. The notice proposed an "emergency" requirement that certain Federal Firearm Licensees report multiple sales or other dispositions whenever the licensee sells or otherwise disposes of two or more rifles within any five consecutive business days with the following characteristics: (a) Semi automatic; (b) a caliber greater than .22; and (c) the ability to accept a detachable magazine.

I am not a lawyer or scholarly type of person, just your average hard working American gun owner who is very tired of gun grabbing politicians and the bureaucratic nonsense of over regulation of all firearms. I am also tired of hearing that the ATF does not have enough resources to do the job they already have to do and still clamor for more regulation, which they will not be able to accomplish, all because of gun hating advocates spewing the lies and distorting the truth about violence in this country and to the country “South of the Border”.

I am also a member of the National Rifle Association, who will file comments about this “Emergency Notice of Information Collection”, and I am sure that they will have more information and legal precedence that will be more compelling than any comment that I may provide in order for you to make any decision concerning this matter. This country has had enough of over management and over regulation by its government. Taking care of what needs to be taken care of is what our government really needs to concentrate on. Please look for comments from the NRA on this issue and consider them my views as well.

Let’s all work together for the good of our nation, we need to do that.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Best Regards,

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cc: Barbara A. Terrell
Firearms Industry Programs Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
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Washington DC 20226
(202) 648-9640 (fax)
The second amendment guarantees every American the right to own and bear arms. The BATFE does not have the right to report arms transactions of long guns. This is overstepping the power given to this agency. I truly believe that the BATFE should be abolished.

Earl Hamontree
Dear Ms. Terrell,

I must protest the latest assault on our 2nd Amendment rights through the proposed regulation December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.” Such a regulation and de facto law jeopardizes citizens to protect themselves from roaming bands of foreign and domestic gangs that our national leaders seem to invite into our country due to their lack of enforcing immigration and other laws. I do not know what kind of pressure you are under but come to the aid of our citizens, specifically in certain locales that need to protect themselves.

In appreciation and please have a nice day.

Respectfully,
Earl Hines
Virginia Beach, VA
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Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Earl Tatlow [etatlow@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles

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Now, the OMB has denied the "emergency" request. But regardless of the timeframe in which approval is sought, ATF does not have the statutory authority to impose this requirement on licensees.

The reasons for that lack of authority are fully explained in the attached legal memorandum; but in short, the Congress has comprehensively defined what ATF may and may not require with respect to licensees' records. By specifically requiring reports only of multiple handgun sales, Congress implicitly rejected the idea of requiring reports on multiple sales of other firearms. ATF seemed to understand that point when it responded in October to a recommendation for multiple long gun sales reporting by the Department of Justice Inspector General. ATF's comment on that recommendation was that it would "explore the full range of options" but that such a requirement "may require a change to the Gun Control Act."1

These reports will be requested through "demand letters"—a mechanism that for many years had been used only to conduct firearm traces, to obtain aggregate manufacturing statistics, or to obtain contact information for buyers of certain firearms later declared to be subject to the National Firearms Act. Even when ATF began to use demand letters to seek a broader range of firearm transaction records, one court upholding that program cautioned that the demand letter statute "is not a limitless delegation of authority" and "cannot be construed in an open-ended fashion."2
The scope of the proposed collection suggests in itself that the proposal exceeds ATF's statutory authority. The Fourth Circuit stressed that the letter at issue in the RSM case was sent to only 41 licensees out of the 80,000 licensees in the United States. A second type of demand letter was sent to only 450 dealers nationwide.

Now, ATF proposes to issue demand letters to approximately 8,500 licensees. That estimate appears to be based on the total number of licensed dealers and pawnbrokers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. If so, nearly one out of seven firearm retailers in the United States would receive demand letters for multiple rifle sales.

The burden estimate in the proposal appears to assume that each licensee subject to a demand letter will respond once during the proposed duration of the program. Given the great variety in size and sales volume among the thousands of licensees in the border states, this seems unlikely.

Even if the burden estimate in the proposal is correct, it is unclear how ATF could make effective use of the large number of reports that would be generated. Recent media reports suggest that ATF is already unable to handle dealers' voluntary, real-time reports of possible "straw purchases." If processing thousands of additional mandatory reports takes even more resources away from investigating these suspicious transactions, the proposed information collection may be more harmful than helpful.

It is understandable that ATF would like to take strong steps to address drug-related violence in Mexico. But lawlessness in Mexico—driven by multi-billion dollar drug cartels with access to any and all types of arms on the international black markets—is no excuse for U.S. law enforcement agencies to spend scarce resources on programs that exceed their legal powers.

Therefore, OMB should deny ATF's request to approve its proposed collection of information.

Sincerely,

/S/
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3. Id. at 63.
5. See Kim Murphy, Guns tracked by firearms bureau found at firefight scene, Los Angeles Times Feb. 2, 2011.
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Everett Craft
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Troutville, VA 24175
Dear Ms. Barbara A. Terrell;

I will be as brief as possible.

Please do not be misled by claims that most firearms used in crimes and seized by Mexican authorities come from the US. The claims are based on the fact that Mexican authorities only ask U.S. authorities to trace seized weapons of US manufacture. The vast majority of "firearms of choice" among Latino criminal organizations are select fire (full-auto capable) weapons manufactured in China, Europe, and former Warsaw Pact countries.

Please do not endorse the proposed change in BATFE policy regarding long gun multiple sale reporting. The resulting increase in administrative energy and expenses will only waste precious resources without addressing any real problem.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely;

Edwin Blake
Dear Ms Terrell:

I wish to respond to the Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles proposal by the ATF. I believe that this is a waste of tax payor funds and will not result in your desired effects. I am opposed to the change. Further it is outside of the legal authority of the ATF.

Ed Boren
8308 Monica Circle
Plano, Texas 75025

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I am writing to oppose the so called emergency regulation to register multiple sales of certain rifles with BATFE as described in FR Doc. 2010-31761 from the 12/17/2010 Federal Register.  
This regulation is both illegal and unnecessary. Further there is no justification for any "emergency" implementation as reported by the Washington Post:
White House delayed rule meant to stop gun flow to Mexico, Washington Post, Dec. 17, 2010, Online edition:
* The regulation proposed is outside the statutory grant of authority to record information about multiple sales of firearms. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) specifically grants the authority to collect multiple sale information on handguns and revolvers. Other firearms are excluded and there is no implied authority to extend this reporting requirement to rifles or any other type of firearm.
* "FFL" holders are already required by law to respond to BATFE requests for information on firearms distribution pursuant to criminal investigations: Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(7).
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There is a grave potential for this regulation to unduly burden citizens who are collectors or must obtain purchase permits at the local or state level to possess firearms. The proposed regulation does not say what the agency intends to do with the information but ostensibly it would be for criminal investigations. Subjecting law abiding gun owners to this type of investigation under the guise of "information collection" is an overt attempt to prevent them from exercising their 2nd Amendment rights to purchase and own firearms.

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Ed Elias
4201 E. Monte Vista Dr.,
Tucson, AZ 84105
Dear Ms. Terrell:

Regarding the BATF request for authority to require all the firearms dealers in Mexican border states to report sales of two or more semiautomatic rifles, I believe that government resources would be better spent on legitimate investigations. The required reporting will put an additional burden on dealers who already are drowning in government required paperwork.

Ed Geither
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Ed Gentzler
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Chesterfield, MO 63017
Ms. Terrell,

I would like to voice my opposition to the reporting of long gun sales. I am a law abiding gun owner and have a great deal of respect for your agency. BATF is over stepping their constitutional boundaries in this law. The law I am referring to is dated December 17, 2010 Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or other Disposition of Certain Rifles. Please reconsider this proposal.

Regards,

Ed Gilbert
From: Ed Goode [egoode@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:31 AM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Though the Pres and Congress were going to cut our Burden?

Paperwork costs, plus it's not green or sustainable. Who benefits and at what cost to the taxpayer? You guys cost, and the paperwork cost taxpayer time and energy. Maybe Mexico, but don't get a vote here.

All making for less product business environment.

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Ed Lieberman
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Feel good rules & regs don’t stop criminals.

Don’t waste time and money on tracking long gun sales
Ed Mackel
Wadley Al.
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What part of the right to bear arms do you need explaining?

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http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110209-mexicos-gun-supply-and-90-percent-myth

By Scott Stewart

For several years now, STRATFOR has been closely watching developments in Mexico that relate to what we consider the three wars being waged there. Those three wars are the war between the various drug cartels, the war between the government and the cartels and the war being waged against citizens and businesses by criminals.

In addition to watching tactical developments of the cartel wars on the ground and studying the dynamics of the conflict among the various warring factions, we have also been paying close attention to the ways that both the Mexican and U.S. governments have reacted to these developments. Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects to watch has been the way in which the Mexican government has tried to deflect responsibility for the cartel wars away from itself and onto the United States. According to the Mexican government, the cartel wars are not a result of corruption in Mexico or of economic and societal dynamics that leave many Mexicans marginalized and desperate to find a way to make a living. Instead, the cartel wars are due to the insatiable American appetite for narcotics and the endless stream of guns that flows from the United States into Mexico and that results in Mexican violence.

Interestingly, the part of this argument pertaining to guns has been adopted by many politicians and government officials in the United States in recent years. It has now become quite common to hear U.S. officials confidently assert that 90 percent of the weapons used by the Mexican drug cartels come from the United States. However, a close examination of the dynamics of the cartel wars in Mexico — and of how the oft-echoed 90 percent number was reached — clearly demonstrates that the number is more political rhetoric than empirical fact.

By the Numbers

As we discussed in a previous analysis, the 90 percent number was derived from a June 2009 U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report to Congress on U.S. efforts to combat arms trafficking to Mexico (see
According to the GAO report, some 30,000 firearms were seized from criminals by Mexican authorities in 2008. Of these 30,000 firearms, information pertaining to 7,200 of them (24 percent) was submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for tracing. Of these 7,200 guns, only about 4,000 could be traced by the ATF, and of these 4,000, some 3,480 (87 percent) were shown to have come from the United States.

This means that the 87 percent figure relates to the number of weapons submitted by the Mexican government to the ATF that could be successfully traced and not from the total number of weapons seized by Mexican authorities or even from the total number of weapons submitted to the ATF for tracing. In fact, the 3,480 guns positively traced to the United States equals less than 12 percent of the total arms seized in Mexico in 2008 and less than 48 percent of all those submitted by the Mexican government to the ATF for tracing. This means that almost 90 percent of the guns seized in Mexico in 2008 were not traced back to the United States.

The remaining 22,800 firearms seized by Mexican authorities in 2008 were not traced for a variety of reasons. In addition to factors such as bureaucratic barriers and negligence, many of the weapons seized by Mexican authorities either do not bear serial numbers or have had their serial numbers altered or obliterated. It is also important to understand that the Mexican authorities simply don’t bother to submit some classes of weapons to the ATF for tracing. Such weapons include firearms they identify as coming from their own military or police forces, or guns that they can trace back themselves as being sold through the Mexican Defense Department’s Arms and Ammunition Marketing Division (UCAM). Likewise, they do not ask ATF to trace military ordnance from third countries like the South Korean fragmentation grenades commonly used in cartel attacks.

Of course, some or even many of the 22,800 firearms the Mexicans did not submit to ATF for tracing may have originated in the United States. But according to the figures presented by the GAO, there is no evidence to support the assertion that 90 percent of the guns used by the Mexican cartels come from the United States — especially when not even 50 percent of those that were submitted for tracing were ultimately found to be of U.S. origin.

This point leads us to consider the types of weapons being used by the Mexican cartels and where they come from.

**Types and Sources of Guns**

To gain an understanding of the dynamics of the gun flow inside Mexico, it helps if one divides the guns seized by Mexican authorities from criminals into three broad categories — which, incidentally, just happen to represent three different sources.

**Type 1: Guns Legally Available in Mexico**

The first category of weapons encountered in Mexico is weapons available legally for sale in Mexico through UCAM. These include handguns smaller than a .357 magnum such as .380 and .38 Special.

A large portion of this first type of guns used by criminals is purchased in Mexico, or stolen from their legitimate owners. While UCAM does have very strict regulations for civilians to purchase guns, criminals will use straw purchasers to obtain firearms from UCAM or obtain them from corrupt officials. Cartel hit men in Mexico commonly use **.380 pistols equipped with sound suppressors** in their assassinations. In many cases,
these pistols are purchased in Mexico, the suppressors are locally manufactured and the guns are adapted to receive the suppressors by Mexican gunsmiths.

It must be noted, though, that because of the cost and hassle of purchasing guns in Mexico, many of the guns in this category are purchased in the United States and smuggled into the country. There are a lot of cheap guns available on the U.S. market, and they can be sold at a premium in Mexico. Indeed, guns in this category, such as .380 pistols and .22-caliber rifles and pistols, are among the guns most commonly traced back to the United States. Still, the numbers do not indicate that 90 percent of guns in this category come from the United States.

Additionally, most of the explosives the cartels have been using in improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Mexico over the past year have used commercially available Tovex, so we consider these explosives to fall in this first category. Mexican IEDs are another area where the rhetoric has been interesting to analyze, but we will explore this topic another time.

**Type 2: Guns Legally Available in the U.S. but Not in Mexico**

Many popular handgun calibers, such as 9 mm, .45 and .40, are reserved for the military and police and are not available for sale to civilians in Mexico. These guns, which are legally sold and very popular in the United States, comprise our second category, which also includes .50-caliber rifles, semiautomatic versions of assault rifles like the AK-47 and M16 and the FN Five-Seven pistol.

When we consider this second type of guns, a large number of them encountered in Mexico are likely purchased in the United States. Indeed, the GAO report notes that many of the guns most commonly traced back to the United States fall into this category. There are also many .45-caliber and 9 mm semiautomatic pistols and .357 revolvers obtained from deserters from the Mexican military and police, purchased from corrupt Mexican authorities or even brought in from South America (guns made by manufacturers such as Taurus and Bersa). This category also includes semiautomatic variants of assault rifles and main battle rifles, which are often converted by Mexican gunsmiths to be capable of fully automatic fire.

One can buy these types of weapons on the international arms market, but one pays a premium for such guns and it is cheaper and easier to simply buy them in the United States or South America and smuggle them into Mexico. In fact, there is an entire cottage industry that has developed to smuggle such weapons, and not all the customers are cartel hit men. There are many Mexican citizens who own guns in calibers such as .45, 9 mm, .40 and .44 magnum for self-defense — even though such guns are illegal in Mexico.

**Type 3: Guns Not Available for Civilian Purchase in Mexico or the U.S.**

The third category of weapons encountered in Mexico is military grade ordnance not generally available for sale in the United States or Mexico. This category includes hand grenades, 40 mm grenades, rocket-propelled grenades, automatic assault rifles and main battle rifles and light machine guns.

This third type of weapon is fairly difficult and very expensive to obtain in the United States (especially in the large numbers in which the cartels are employing them). They are also dangerous to obtain in the United States due to heavy law-enforcement scrutiny. Therefore, most of the military ordnance used by the Mexican cartels comes from other sources, such as the international arms market (increasingly from China via the same networks that furnish precursor chemicals for narcotics manufacturing), or from corrupt elements in the Mexican military or even deserters who take their weapons with them. Besides, items such as South Korean fragmentation grenades and RPG-7s, often used by the cartels, simply are not in the U.S. arsenal. This means that very few of the weapons in this category come from the United States.

In recent years the cartels (especially their enforcer groups such as Los Zetas, Gente Nueva and La Linea) have
been increasingly using military weaponry instead of sporting arms. A close examination of the arms seized from the enforcer groups and their training camps clearly demonstrates this trend toward military ordnance, including many weapons not readily available in the United States. Some of these seizures have included M60 machine guns and hundreds of 40 mm grenades obtained from the military arsenals of countries like Guatemala.

But Guatemala is not the only source of such weapons. Latin America is awash in weapons that were shipped there over the past several decades to supply the various insurgencies and counterinsurgencies in the region. When these military-grade weapons are combined with the rampant corruption in the region, they quickly find their way into the black arms market. The Mexican cartels have supply-chain contacts that help move narcotics to Mexico from South America and they are able to use this same network to obtain guns from the black market in South and Central America and then smuggle them into Mexico. While there are many weapons in this category that were manufactured in the United States, the overwhelming majority of the U.S.-manufactured weapons of this third type encountered in Mexico — like LAW rockets and M60 machine guns — come into Mexico from third countries and not directly from the United States.

There are also some cases of overlap between classes of weapons. For example, the FN Five-Seven pistol is available for commercial purchase in the United States, but the 5.7x28 armor-piercing ammunition for the pistol favored by the cartels is not — it is a restricted item. However, some of the special operations forces units in the Mexican military are issued the Five-Seven as well as the FN P90 personal defense weapon, which also shoots the 5.7x28 round, and the cartels are obtaining some of these weapons and the armor-piercing ammunition from them and not from the United States. Conversely, we see bulk 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm ammunition bought in the United States and smuggled into Mexico, where it is used in fully-automatic AK-47s and M16s purchased elsewhere. As noted above, China has become an increasingly common source for military weapons like grenades and fully automatic assault rifles in recent years.

To really understand Mexico’s gun problem, however, it is necessary to recognize that the same economic law of supply and demand that fuels drug smuggling into the United States also fuels gun smuggling into Mexico. Black-market guns in Mexico can fetch up to 300 percent of their normal purchase price — a profit margin rivaling the narcotics the cartels sell. Even if it were somehow possible to hermetically seal the U.S.-Mexico border and shut off all the guns coming from the United States, the cartels would still be able to obtain weapons elsewhere — just as narcotics would continue to flow into the United States from other places. The United States does provide cheap and easy access to certain types of weapons and ammunition, but as demonstrated by groups such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, weapons can be easily obtained from other sources via the black arms market — albeit at a higher price.

There has clearly been a long and well-documented history of arms smuggling across the U.S.-Mexico border, but it is important to recognize that, while the United States is a significant source of certain classes of weapons and ammunition, it is by no means the source of 90 percent of the weapons used by the Mexican cartels, as is commonly asserted.

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memorandum; but in short, the Congress has comprehensively defined what ATF may and may not require with respect to licensees' records. By specifically requiring reports only of multiple handgun sales, Congress implicitly rejected the idea of requiring reports on multiple sales of other firearms. ATF seemed to understand that point when it responded in October to a recommendation for multiple long gun sales reporting by the Department of Justice Inspector General. ATF's comment on that recommendation was that it would "explore the full range of options" but that such a requirement "may require a change to the Gun Control Act."  

These reports will be requested through "demand letters"—a mechanism that for many years had been used only to conduct firearm traces, to obtain aggregate manufacturing statistics, or to obtain contact information for buyers of certain firearms later declared to be subject to the National Firearms Act. Even when ATF began to use demand letters to seek a broader range of firearm transaction records, one court upholding that program cautioned that the demand letter statute "is not a limitless delegation of authority" and "cannot be construed in an open-ended fashion."  

The scope of the proposed collection suggests in itself that the proposal exceeds ATF's statutory authority. The Fourth Circuit stressed that the letter at issue in the RSM case was sent to only 41 licensees out of the 80,000 licensees in the United States. A second type of demand letter was sent to only 450 dealers nationwide. Now, ATF proposes to issue demand letters to approximately 8,500 licensees. That estimate appears to be based on the total number of licensed dealers and pawnbrokers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. If so, nearly one out of seven firearm retailers in the United States would receive demand letters for multiple rifle sales.  

The burden estimate in the proposal appears to assume that each licensee subject to a demand letter will respond once during the proposed duration of the program. Given the great variety in size and sales volume among the thousands of licensees in the border states, this seems unlikely. Even if the burden estimate in the proposal is correct, it is unclear how ATF could make effective use of the large number of reports that would be generated. Recent media reports suggest that ATF is already unable to handle dealers' voluntary, real-time reports of possible "straw purchases." If processing thousands of additional mandatory reports takes even more resources away from investigating these suspicious transactions, the proposed information collection may be more harmful than helpful.  

The NRA is well aware that ATF would, understandably, like to take strong steps to address drug-related violence in Mexico. But lawlessness in Mexico—driven by multi-billion dollar drug cartels with access to any and all types of arms on the international black markets—is no excuse for U.S. law enforcement agencies to spend scarce resources on programs that exceed their legal powers. Therefore, OMB should deny ATF's request to approve its proposed collection of information.  

3 Id. at 63.  
4 See Blaustein & Reich, Inc. v. Buckles, 365 F.3d 281, 283 (4th Cir. 2004).  
5 See Kim Murphy, Guns tracked by firearms bureau found at firefight scene, Los Angeles Times Feb. 2, 2011.

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Subject: Oppose Regulation Expanding Multiple Sale Reporting


This regulation is both illegal and unnecessary. Further there is no justification for any "emergency" implementation as reported by the Washington Post: White House delayed rule meant to stop gun flow to Mexico, Washington Post, Dec. 17, 2010, On-line edition: ( http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/17/AR2010121706598.html ).

* The regulation proposed is outside the statutory grant of authority to record information about multiple sales of firearms. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) specifically grants the authority to collect multiple sale information on handguns and revolvers. Other firearms are excluded and there is no implied authority to extend this reporting requirement to rifles or any other type of firearm.

* "FFL" holders are already required by law to respond to BATFE requests for information on firearms distribution pursuant to criminal investigations: Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(7).

* The regulation contains no provision for the destruction of information collected, which establishes a nationwide registry of "certain types of firearms" as proposed. Because of this the regulation as proposed is illegal under Title 18 U.S.C. § 926(a). "No such rule or regulation . may require that records required to be maintained under this chapter or any portion of the contents of such records, be recorded at or transferred to a facility owned, managed, or controlled by the United States or any State or any political subdivision thereof, nor that any system of registration of firearms, firearms owners, or firearms transactions or disposition be established."

There is a grave potential for this regulation to unduly burden citizens who are collectors or must obtain purchase permits at the local or state level to possess firearms. The proposed regulation does not say what the agency intends to do with the information but ostensibly it would be for criminal investigations. Subjecting law abiding gun owners to this type of investigation under the guise of "information collection" is an overt attempt to prevent them from exercising their 2nd Amendment rights to purchase and own firearms.

* This regulatory action has not allowed the public sufficient time to comment.

This regulatory action should not be approved.

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Please OPPOSE the “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.” This is an unnecessary regulation and is not allowed under Federal law. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) does not grant any such registration of multiple purchases of firearms, except for handguns. The regulation contains no provision for the destruction of the collected information, and therefore is not legal under Title 18 U.S.C. § 926(a). Laws do matter and this unnecessary and extra-legal proposal must NOT be approved.

Sincerely,

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I support the National Rifle Association's point of view on "Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles."

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Ms Terrell;

I am writing in protest to the new regulation for the four border states to have to register semi-auto long guns if purchased more than one per week. We already have way too many laws on the books that the courts are not enforcing. You have people guilty of using guns to break the law and most are given a slap on the wrist and probation or a very short sentence. Now your agency wants to obtain a list of all gun sales for this area. What is next, confiscation of law abiding citizen's weapons? That is the only place I see this going. Why don't your agents do something about the illegal gun toting druggies on the border?

This December 17, 2010 Notice of Information Collection Under Review is exceeding your authority. You know you cannot do this legally. It is a violation of the Second Ammendment. Leave the law abiding citizens alone and go after the gun toting Druggies. Arizona alone could use the help. If you catch them running drugs and or guns, then nail their asses to the wall. Hint....the bad guys will be the ones with the drugs, illegal aliens and committing murders.

Thank You for your time and consideration on this subject.

Respectfully,

Edward Sobus

Auburn, New York
STOP!

I am strictly against the reporting of rifle sales proposes in the December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.” This is an unconstitutional proposal that has no basis in law. It shows the Obama Administration's contempt for our Second Amendment rights.

Thanks,

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Another attack on guns its a bunch of bull shit

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Dear Barbara Terrell,

It's a major embarrassment that we haven't done more to crack down on the gun smuggling carried out by the Mexican drug cartels. It's time for the Obama administration to act.

It's horrible that we allow bulk sales of assault rifles that are taken to Mexico where drug cartels use them to kill people and terrorize society.

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Dear Ms. Terrell,

I believe that the reporting of 2 or more semi-auto long gun sales; such as the reporting measures that ATF is considering; is a waste of the ATF agents time & efforts. Criminals do not purchase firearms from dealers (which requires a NICS check), they steal them.

I wish your agency well in finding a way to stop criminals from acquiring firearms for the purpose of committing a crime, but your efforts will be wasted if you go this route.

I wish you well & hope that your agents will be safe from the criminals that pursuing.

Edna White
Dear Ms. Terrell,

I am strongly opposed to the ATF scheme to force dealer to report the sale of two or more semi-auto rifles within a five day period. I believe this is a test to find out where Mexican criminals are attaining the firearms. I have reason to believe that they are acquired from illegal sources & not legitimate dealers. If such a regulation is put in place and the source is not dealers you can bet the ATF will not lift the reporting requirement.

Robert White
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Bernardo Way
Valencia, CA 91354
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Edward Miller
10 Coventry La.
LEWES, DE 19958
Ms. Terrell,

I am writing to register my objection to the above referenced notice.

I believe the ATF lacks authority to implement this action. Furthermore this action will not accomplish the stated goals, and will result in waste of ATF’s resources.

The NRA speaks for me!

Thank you,

Edward N. Barnes

122 Lakeland Avenue

Moore, SC 29369-9799

(864) 595-1382
Please OPPOSE the “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

This is an unnecessary regulation and is not allowed under Federal law. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) does not grant any such registration of multiple purchases of firearms, except for handguns.

The regulation contains no provision for the destruction of the collected information, and therefore is not legal under Title 18 U.S.C. § 926(a).

Laws do matter and this unnecessary and extra-legal proposal must NOT be approved.

Sincerely,
Brenda Carsley
and Ed Martin

US Citizens who do not wish their Constitutional attested rights eroded by bureaucrats
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Edward Thornton
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Swarthmore, PA 19081
notice of informed collection under review: report of multiple sale or other disposition of certain guns. i am totally against the government or any affiliated agency, or whoever, in placing any restrictions on u.s. citizens or gun dealers, suppliers of any sort. this is supposed to be a free country, it was once. thanks, lynn wagstaff
To whom it may concern,

The current campaign to force gun dealers to report to the BATFE on long gun sales in the border states is yet another in a series of over reaching actions that the BATFE should have no power what so ever to enforce. Over and over again I keep seeing the BATFE overstepping it's bounds in these areas and it needs to stop! We have rights as Americans that are not open to interpretation by the BATFE!

To address their reasoning as to guns getting over the border to Mexico, Really? Yea if I'm a drug lord I'm going to smuggle semi automatic rifles from the U.S, that cost between $900.00 and $2000.00 when I can get fully automatic/select fire rifles from just about anywhere in central and south America as well as internationally for a few hundred dollars a unit!

If you people really want to do something about the problem of illegal guns in the border states why not put your energy toward busting the cartel members with guns crossing over to do business and kidnap people. What we need is a secure border not more infringement on the rights of the American people.

Thank you for you time to here my opinion. Edward Willson, Winchester, VA.
Dear Ms. Terrell:

I sincerely and respectfully request that your Agency permanently withdraw all attempts to implement the proposed requirement to report purchases of multiple long guns by individual buyers. It is unnecessary and if current laws were enforced, the desire to stem the alleged flow of U.S. guns to Mexico would be more successful than is currently happening.

Among my fears over this non-Congressional fiat is that when it fails to achieve its intended goals the program will not be scrapped but it will be expanded to include dealers and buyers in the remaining 46 states as well as all U.S. territories. The resulting justification and rationalization will be that the "offending" guns from other locales are the culprits. And I think it WILL fail. The reporting requirement will result in added costs to firearms dealers that they can ill afford.

Another fear is that reporting the purchases of large quantities of ammunition will become a requirement. What would be the definition of "large?"

Further, this amounts to prior restraint...an answer to a problem that doesn't yet exist.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Earl Edwards
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Edwin BIXenstine
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Kent, OH 44240
Barbara,

I've read the proposals to allow the ATF to require gun dealers in a four state region to have purchasers register their semi-automatic rifles with the ATF at the time of purchase... As this legislation would be unconstitutional and just the tip of the iceberg, of things to come, I would recommend that this action cease and desist... I realize that you are under great pressure from the current administration and many liberal factions to do everything you can to further regulate government control of firearms but these actions are unlawful and unconstitutional... PLEASE STOP!!!

EMD
Ms. Terrell

I am against the December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

The ATF has no legal authority to demand these reports, and the flood of new paperwork will waste scarce law enforcement resources that should be spent on legitimate investigations. Thank you for your time and your daily effort in service to our nation.

Ed Klein
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EDWIN WENSMAN
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I feel safer walking on European streets in the summer than I do on American streets. Our lax gun laws are outrageous!!!!!! I just can’t fathom WHY Americans need more guns and killing. And neither can the other industrialized nations of the world.

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Efrain Sanchez  
ST-2 Hortensia st.  
Hormigueros, PR 00660-1226
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Matt Egloff, PE
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Dear Ms. Terrell:

In light of the analysis available from private intelligence analysis sources such as Stratfor, sales of firearms from FFL dealers in southwestern states have little to no impact on drug cartel or other violence in Mexico or the border states themselves. As such, the proposed reporting requirements for long gun sales represent a operationally pointless squandering of scarce law enforcement resources. I therefore ask that your agency carefully reconsider this proposal on the grounds it cannot possibly be cost effective.

Thank you.

M. George Eichenberg, Ph.D.
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IRB-Human Subjects Chair
President - Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
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Stephenville, Texas 76402

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Eisenman Jeff
488 E. Beck St
COLUMBUS, OH 43206
Dear Ms. Terrell
I do not believe you have the authority or the right to require a data base of long gun sales.
Ed
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: El' Malik Muhammed [raiders_elmalik@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:05 AM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: El Ramthun [ewram@tds.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:29 AM
To: FIPB Regulatory Email inquiries
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns

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Elaine Magalis
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W. Glover, VT 05875
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Eldon Wedlock
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There is no need for ATF long gun reporting on sales. This is a waste of law enforcements time. Wait until the 2012 election to see why.

Mr. Eldred Williams
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Tallahassee, FL 32309
Ms. Terrell, please take note of my comments on this proposed regulation.

Stop right now

If you want to be effective in preventing problems in this section of the US, stop watching Americans and secure the border, build a fence and watch it

regards

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To Whom it may concern:

About, December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

I am writing to voice my opposition to any attempt, plan or scheme by the BATFE or other Federal Agency or Department to register, control, track or otherwise place or replace any limits on the sales of long guns to American Citizens in any State, Territory or American Commonwealth. Federal Laws and Regulations already infringe on Citizens 2nd Amendment Rights and any move on the part of the BATFE to further impose on these rights must be brought to an end.

Please forward these comments, in a timely manor, to any and all Officials and their Offices, so they may be considered before the end date for public comment. If necessary, I request that you also place a request an exception to the deadline if you are not able to view or forward this message before the end date for public comment.

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Please support this - from my standpoint - no-brainer proposal in the war against illegal weapons traffic. Thank you!

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Dear Ms. Terrell,

As an avid gun collector, gun owner, and hunter I am strongly opposed to the proposal for the ATF to collect long gun sales.

I believe that all Americans know that illegal guns enter Mexico via many, many markets, with the illegal sale of American owned weapons being an extremely minor method.

The lawlessness in Mexico is driven by multi-billion dollar drug cartels with access to any and all types of arms on the international black markets. There is no excuse for U.S. law enforcement agencies to spend scarce resources on programs that may only impact a handful of weapons that are legally purchased in the U.S. and illegally sent across the border.

I am urging the OMB to deny your request to approve its proposed collection of this information.

Thank You

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Laws do matter and this unnecessary and extra-legal proposal must NOT be approved.

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Dear Madam Barbara Terrell

I feel like the ATF needs to stay out of God Fearing Americans lives. They don't need to know how many Rifles Free Law Abiding Americans buy or sell. I feel that they have far too many important things they could be involved in, such as Helping the Law Enforcement Officers trying to control the problems that exist on our Borders. And stop illegal's from entering our Great Nation or purchasing any kind of firearms be it Rifles, Pistols or shotguns or any number of other weapons. I for one am sick and tired of having to fight for our rights that we are guaranteed by The Constitution of The United States and or the 2nd Amendment of The Constitution.

I took an Oath when I was nineteen years old to Protect and Defend The Constitution ,and The United States of America So Help Me God and this I did with honor for eight years of my life. And I would like for you to know that The Oath I Took Then Has Not Expired Because I'm Not Dead Yet. I want to thank you for your time and your service to this Great Country.

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ATF HAS NO AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE MULTIPLE SALES REPORTING FOR RIFLES
The December 17, 2010 "Emergency Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles" does not indicate the statutory authority upon which ATF relies for its proposed multiple sales reporting requirement. However, a statement by ATF Deputy Director Kenneth Melson posted online at www.atf.gov indicates that licensees will be sent "demand letters" seeking the information. This memorandum explains why ATF's "demand letter" authority does not authorize the proposed collection.

The statutory authority for "demand letters" is 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(5)(A), which provides:

Each licensee shall, when required by letter issued by the Attorney General, and until notified to the contrary in writing by the Attorney General, submit on a form specified by the Attorney General, for periods and at the times specified in such letter, all record information required to be kept by this chapter or such lesser record information as the Attorney General in such letter may specify.

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In determining whether Congress has specifically addressed the question at issue, a reviewing court should not confine itself to examining a particular statutory provision in isolation. The meaning—or ambiguity—of certain words or phrases may only become evident when placed in context.... A court must therefore interpret the statute "as a symmetrical and coherent regulatory scheme," . . . and "fit, if possible, all parts into an harmonious whole . . . ."


In Mastro Plastics Corp. v. Labor Board, 350 U.S. 270, 285 (1956), the Court rejected an interpretation of a statute which read words in isolation:

If the above words are read in complete isolation from their context in the Act, such an interpretation is possible. However, "In expounding a statute, we must not be guided by a single sentence or member of a sentence, but look to the provisions of the whole law, and to its object and policy." (citations omitted).

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With respect to multiple sales reporting, Congress has already expressly addressed this question. 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) provides:

(A) Each licensee shall prepare a report of multiple sales or other dispositions whenever the licensee sells or otherwise disposes of, at one time or during any five consecutive business days, two or more pistols, or revolvers, or any combination of pistols and revolvers totalling two or more, to an unlicensed person. The report shall be prepared on a form specified by the Attorney General and forwarded to the office specified thereon and to the department of State police or State law enforcement agency of the State or local law enforcement agency of the local
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Further, "[w]hen a statute limits a thing to be done in a particular mode, it includes a negative of any other mode." Christensen v. Harris County, 529 U.S. 576, 583 (2000). Here, Congress expressly limited multiple sales reporting to pistols and revolvers, thereby negating multiple sales reporting of certain rifles. The legislative history of § 923(g)(5)(A) confirms that Congress did not intend that § 923(g)(5)(A) would be used to require reporting of multiple sales reporting of certain rifles.

The original demand letter regulation (27 C.F.R. § 178.126) was promulgated under, and became effective on the same date as, the Gun Control Act of 1968, December 16, 1968. § 105(a), P.L. 90-618, 82 Stat. 1213 (1968); 33 F.R. 18555, 18556 (Dec. 14, 1968). Harold Serr, Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, wrote to Senator Frank Church on December 17, 1968:

[Under no circumstances does the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division intend to require licensed firearms dealers to submit all records of firearms transactions to a central location. This would be in effect gun registration and the Congress clearly showed its desires in this area when gun legislation was voted on. 131 Cong. Rec. S9129 (July 9, 1985).

Serr wrote that the demand letter regulation would be used "when we become aware of violations of the law by an unscrupulous dealer." Id. An example would be a dealer illegally selling handguns to out-of-state residents who stated that "they could give him any name they chose." In such a situation, "we would require the dealer to submit records of his sales, not for the purpose of registration, but for the purpose of proceeding against the dealer for a criminal violation of the law." Id. Serr emphasized, however, that ATF had "no intention of requiring law-abiding gun dealers to report their firearms transactions to us." Id.

Section 103 of FOP A, 100 Stat. 454, amended § 923(g)(1)(A) to provide that licensees "shall not be required to submit to the Secretary reports . . . except as expressly required by this section." Such records "include, for instance, multiple sales reports and certain informational reports used in connection with tracing." S.Rep. 98-583, at 15. "See, e.g., proposed 18 U.S.C. 923(g)(4) and (5), discussed in more detail infra." Id. n.32.

Subparagraph (4) would be enacted as the demand letter provision. § 103 of FOP A, 100 Stat. 455. That provision "is based on existing Treasury regulations describing activities which facilitate the Secretary's ability to trace the disposition of
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2 Subparagraph (5) would be enacted as § 923(g)(3), which provides that a licensee shall report to the Secretary the sale of two or more handguns in a five-day period.

3 In 1994, Congress enacted § 923(g)(7), which created an explicit duty of a licensee to respond to a trace request, "orally or in writing, as the Attorney General may require" within 24 hours and authorized the Attorney General to make such requests by telephone. A trace request pursuant to § 923(g)(7) was, however, only for the purpose of "determining the disposition of 1 or more firearms in the course of a bona fide criminal investigation."

3 The purpose of Paragraph (4) is to clarify and ensure the Secretary's authority to conduct legitimate tracing activities in connection with bona fide criminal investigations. The authority granted to the Secretary under this Paragraph is intended to provide access to all information legitimately needed in sensitive criminal investigations, such as the investigation of President Reagan's attempted assassination. However, because of the breadth of the authority granted, limitations on the use of such information, which do not exist under current regulations, were included to restrict any potential for the abuse of the rights of law-abiding licensees. Id. at 18.

The use of § 923(g)(5)(A) in relation to traces would be limited not only to "bona fide criminal investigations," but would be further confined by what would be enacted as § 926(a).4

As the Senate report, which referred to the demand-letter provision as the "tracing provision" further explained:
The multiple sales, out-of-business records, and tracing provisions, which, in certain respects, codify existing regulations, were included in the Committee amendment to achieve an appropriate balance between legitimate law enforcement needs and the Committee's determination to substantially restrict the circumstances under which inspections are authorized. This, in turn, reduces the potential for unwarranted intrusions into the business affairs of law-abiding licensees. However,... the authority granted under 18 U.S.C. 923(g) (3), (4) and (5), as well as that contained in paragraph (1), as amended, are not to be construed to authorize the United States ... to use the information obtained from any records or form which are required to be maintained for inspection or submission by licensees under Chapter 44 to establish any system of registration of firearms, firearms owners, or firearms transactions or dispositions.

Id. at 18.

4 § 926(a) provides in part that the Attorney General may not promulgate a "rule or regulation" which would:
require that records required to be maintained under this chapter or any portion of the contents of such records, be recorded at or transferred to a facility owned, managed, or controlled by the United States . . . .

Specifically, § 106 of FOP A, 100 Stat. 459-60, amended § 926(a) to prohibit BATF from requiring that licensee records "be recorded at or transferred to" a government facility or establishing any registration system, but allowing the authority to
conduct traces "in the course of a criminal investigation." The report states that "this 'tracing' authority is codified in the Committee's amendment," obviously referring to what would be enacted as § 923(g)(5)(A). Senate Report 98-583 at 27.


In later Senate debate, Senator Hatch explained of § 926(a) that "the authority to request tracing information for dealers can never be used to establish any centralized or regional registration system for firearms or firearm owners." 131 Cong. Rec. S8691 (June 24, 1985). Senator Hatch also clarified the understanding of the 1968 demand letter regulation which FOP A would codify as follows:

In order to facilitate tracing of firearms used in violent crimes, licensed dealers currently are required to provide the Secretary of Treasury with information about specific weapons upon request. Further a dealer must report multiple handgun sales to the same person which occur within 5 consecutive business days, and if the dealer is going out of business, he must send his records to the BATF rather than destroy or otherwise dispose of them. These tracing authorities are included currently in Federal regulations.

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Not a single senator voiced a contrary view of the purpose of § 923(g)(5)(A).

Thus, the canon of statutory construction that it "is the sponsors that we look to when the meaning of the statutory words is in doubt," Schwegmann Bros. v. Calvert Corp., 341 U.S. 384, 394-395 (1951), applies with particular emphasis with respect to § 923(g)(5)(A).

When the bill was being considered by the House after Senate passage, Edward T. Stevenson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement and Operations, Department of the Treasury, explained the understanding of the United States of the language which became § 923(g)(5)(A):

Initially, the bill could be interpreted to remove the statutory authority by which the Government may require licensees to report information from required records. Based on this authority, licensees are currently required by regulations to provide information about particular firearms transactions on request, to report multiple sales of handguns to the same person, and to turn in to the Government out-of-business records upon ceasing business. Under S. 49, as passed by the Senate, these existing
reporting requirements would be preserved and now specifically required by statute.


As discussed, supra, the "existing reporting requirements" referred to by Deputy Assistant Secretary Stevenson were "existing Treasury regulations describing activities which facilitate the Secretary's ability to trace the disposition of firearms in connection with criminal investigations." S.Rep. 98-583, at 17.

Thus, it was the clear understanding of both Congress and the executive branch prior to the enactment of § 923(g)(5)(A) that both the original regulation and the statute as enacted by FOP A were limited in scope to (1) information from dealers who were in violation of the law, and (2) information from any dealers about specific firearms dispositions necessary for bona fide criminal investigations.

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Emalene Bramble
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Sedona, AZ 86339
Dear Ms. Terrell,

The BATFE has proposed additional reporting by FFL's with regard to sales of semi-automatic long guns with a caliber greater than .22, and using a detachable magazine.

The BATFE is not authorized to do this under current statutes. This is an infringement on the 2nd Amendment rights of about 71 million residents (about 23%) of the US population.

The affected residents and FFL's reside, or do business in, the 4 border states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

As an NRA member I am totally in agreement with the NRA position that the proposal referenced above should not be implemented.

Your office should be more concerned with the supplying of US weapons by BATFE staff into Mexico, one of which allegedly was used to kill a US Border Patrol agent. US Senator Grassley of Iowa is looking into this.

Ernie Bruglieria
PO Box 628
Lewisville, TX

Texas CHL (Concealed Handgun License holder) and NRA member.
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Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:10 PM
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From: Emily Elliott [narroch06@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:02 AM
To: Webmaster
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Emmanuel Fabiyi
3301 Opal St
TORRANCE, CA 90503
To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to; “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

I am strongly opposed to the BATFE’s attempt to require registration on multiple long gun sales.

This is yet another misguided effort to gain more control and impose additional hardships over the already overburdened gun industry.

Please keep focused on laws already in place.

Thanks

Rob Walker
Baton Rouge,
Louisiana
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: eneal45@juno.com
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:16 AM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: LONG GUN SALES REPORTING

MS. TERRELL,

I BELIEVE THE LONG GUN SALES REPORTING OF MULTIPLE PURCHASES IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND A WASTE OF TAX PAYER DOLLARS. IT WOULD DO NOTHING TO PREVENT VIOLENT CRIME IN THE US OR MEXICO.

SINCERELY,
ED NEAL

SAVANNAH, GA
**Cooksey, Roberta B.**

**From:** Enid Brannon [ejbrannon@optonline.net]

**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2011 2:53 PM

**To:** Legislative Affairs

**Subject:** Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns

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Enid Brannon
16 DeKoven Court
Brooklyn, NY 11230
It's time that the Obama administration does more to crack down on the gun smuggling carried out by the Mexican drug cartels. After all, we've already had a president (Ronnie Reagan), that sold guns out of the Whitehouse - just ask good ole Ollie North! Do we really need to redo history??!!!

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er kight
1269 dogwood ln
college pk, GA 30349
If guns kill people then do pencils misspell words? If privacy and freedom isn't important to you what is? How about you stop the illegal immigration problem and ship the vagrants back instead of infringeing on more of our freedoms as americans. I guess it is a typical solution for you people to punish the 99% for the wrong thw 1% does instead of doing your job right in the first place. It is easier to just diminish what so many of our country men have died for to preserve. Why don't you just dig those patriots out of their graves and spit on them. Make sure I am buried face down so people who feel the way you do and support injustice like this can keep kissing my white american ass.
Long Gun Sales Reporting???????????
what are you people thinking!!!
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Eric Canon
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Forest Grove, OR 97116
Dear Ms. Terrell

Regarding:
December 17, 2010 "Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles."

I am opposed to the government stifling private citizens' US Constitution Second Amendment Rights!

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Eric Dysland

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This regulatory action should not be approved.
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Eric Eades [eaeades@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 11:56 AM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: ATF's rifle registration program

I am writing to oppose the so called emergency regulation to register multiple sales of certain rifles with BATFE as described in FR Doc. 2010-31761 from the 12/17/2010 Federal Register.

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Eric Fleming
5837 Carlton Way #10
Los Angeles, CA 90028
Ms. Terrell;

Upon hearing of this proposal, I find this to be just another attempt to manipulate the rules of a free society.

This county has never been invaded by a foreign power due in a large part to the significance of gun ownership by the general population.

If a drunk kills an innocent bystander, we do not rail against the auto makers, but if a crazy person picks up a gun and performs some act that results in the harm of innocents, we rail against the gun manufacturers and gun owners in general.

Stop wasting my tax dollars because we still think that we're making it safe by "shutting the barn door" even though the horse has already fled the barn.

Respectfully,

Frederick W. Frohn II

27329 Voyageur Drive

Punta Gorda, Florida 33983

A law abiding gun owner and firearms safety instructor.
Hi Barbara,

The December 17, 2010 "Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles," which would require firearms dealers to report the sale of certain weapons in the border states, is unconstitutional, and hopefully the ATF will not proceed with it. The drug problem in Mexico is not our responsibility. Please do not enfringe upon our liberties because of it. If Mexico wants to remove American purchased weapons from the hands of its drug dealers, they should put troops along the border to keep American guns from crossing. It is not the responsibility of the United States government to do keep guns out of Mexico. After all, Mexican citizens are entitled to the Right to Keep and Bear Arms too. As a student of the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, and other incidents of mass murder, I believe it is more important to promote the widespread private ownership of firearms rather than to prevent a few tragedies which usually affect only those involved in criminal activity. Hopefully you understand our perspective.

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Eric
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Sincerely,

Eric Hammond
Ms. Terrell,

I am an Arizona resident and am opposed to the December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

The real problem with guns going to Mexico is with illegal imports from other countries besides the U.S. Do some U.S. guns make it down there, absolutely, the numbers are very small in comparison to those from other countries.

The ATF would be better off spending their time focusing on something different than adding more paperwork to U.S. businesses.

Thank you for the consideration.

Eric Hanshew
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Eric Haskins
PO Box 5073
Hilo, HI 96720
This email is in regards to the December 10, 2010 "Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles." This is a HUGE waste of valuable time and money. What makes you believe that the supposed gun dealers that are supposedly selling guns to be sent illegally to Mexico will actually report these sales. And what customer with those intentions will actually be dumb enough to do a deal with a legitimate dealer who wants them to fill out the correct paperwork? Nobody is going to take that risk. They are criminals for a reason. They don't follow the laws. Period. If this gets passed into a law, it will just be another useless law restricting the law abiding. STOP!!! This is Mexico's problem, not ours. We need to take care of things along that border, but not like this. Nobody stands to gain from this, we will all lose in the long run. Mainly lose money and time, both of which are in short supply now and forever. As a law abiding citizen and a one time citizen of Tucson, I ask that this idea be laid to rest. Thank you for reading this. Hope you have good day and God Bless!!
I am opposed to the proposed long gun sales reporting. Specifically, I refer to the December 17, 2010 "Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles."

I understand that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is demanding the authority to require all of the firearm retail dealers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to report all sales of two or more semiautomatic rifles within five consecutive business days, if the rifles are larger than .22 caliber and use detachable magazines. I further understand that this is in response to the escalating violence, associated with the drug trade, in Mexico.

The ATF has no legal authority to demand these reports, and the flood of new paperwork will waste scarce law enforcement resources that should be spent on legitimate investigations. Moreover, if the violence in Mexico were viewed as a real problem by the Mexican government, they would be calling for strict border security. Apparently the Mexican government does believe that illegal gun running is a truly significant issue, since they seem to have no problem with the porous border.

American civil rights are not the cause of Mexico's violent crime. Also, it is folly to think that gang members, cartel operatives, and gun runners won't be able to acquire and traffic firearms because of some additional reporting requirements demanded by the BATFE. Finally, such reporting will harass and inconvenience law-abiding Americans, while providing no tangible benefit to public safety.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views.

Sincerely,
Eric Kistler
San Jose, CA
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Eric Koivisto
1915 Taylor Av N
no.6, WA 98109
Please know that I am among those citizens holding the view additional government reporting requirements on business is onerous and a further intrusion on the freedom that we have and it should have under the constitution. Please find other ways for your agency to do its work without imposing this burden. That would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Amb. Eric M. Javits (retired)
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Eric Moody [emoody@cityofpasadena.net]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:52 PM
To: FIPB Regulatory Email inquiries
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns

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Eric Nicholson
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Eric Simpson  
828 Ocean Crest Rd.  
Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA 92007
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Portland, OR 97216
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47 Hawleys Corners Road
Highland, NY 12528
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Eric Wedel
1023 Tulane Drive
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From:  Eric Wilgus [ewilgus@gencomnw.com]
Sent:  Sunday, February 13, 2011 3:41 AM
To:    Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Public comment December 17, 2010 "Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.

To:

Barbara A. Terrell
Firearms Industry Programs Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
99 New York Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20226.

Below is my Public Comment,

In regards to your December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.” I think your plan is a total waste of tax payer dollars and infringement on free business enterprise. I have followed this issue in the news and on line. Even though I live in Washington State, I cannot believe your process of keeping guns out of Mexico. Do you really think just because one gun dealer gets tricked it means that every other law abiding citizens and business needs to suffer. You have already made it so expensive to own automatic firearms it would seem only a well tooled Mexican Cartel could afford them anyway, not the average US Citizen. And now you want to control all other types of guns.

If you spent more time keeping illegal’s out of the US, the problem would go way down. The Mexican Cartels have other ways to get the arms they need and they need many more guns than a rogue gun dealer could ever supply.

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2225 Holland Ave  Apt.5B
Bronx, NY 10467
Ms Barbara A. Terrell  
Firearms Industry Programs Branch  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  

I fail to see how the additional bureaucratic overhead of data collection, collation and analysis of reports recording the sales of two or more semiautomatic rifles of calibers larger than .22 that use detachable magazines that occur within five consecutive business days that could be received from the thousands of firearm dealers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas under the Bureau's requested authority to require said reports can possibly be of any value in investigating illegal firearms transfers and transactions. In fact, an overload of such irrelevant data would be a debilitating encumbrance to the Bureau's authorized investigatory activities.

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Erik L. Petersen
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Woodstock, GA 30189
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From: Erik P. Hilderbrand [erikhilderbrand@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 10:20 PM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Proposed Registration and Relaying of Information by FFL’s.

I am writing to oppose the so called emergency regulation to register multiple sales of certain rifles with BATFE as described in FR Doc. 2010-31761 from the 12/17/2010 Federal Register.


This regulation is both illegal and unnecessary. Further there is no justification for any "emergency" implementation as reported by the Washington Post:

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This regulatory action should not be approved, and it bears repeating that simply we have enough laws, and enough regulations regarding firearms. We need not have more.

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Erin Netter
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Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Erin Parish-Meyer [ejp723@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Legislative Affairs
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns

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Erin Parish-Meyer
2205 Case Drive
BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
You are NOT following the Constitution or the Will of OUR Founding Fathers! in tracking Long Gun Sales in AZ,TX.

STOP, DESIST, CEASE NOW!

Signed, A U.S. Citizen, not a slave
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Ernest Andreas. Law abiding Citizen of the United States of America
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Ernest Davis
DON'T FORGET 32 BULLET MAGAZINES
Parkville, MD 21234
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Ernest Thompson [cp3@charter.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:13 AM
To: Webmaster
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns
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ernest wood
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portland, OR 97266
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Ernette Schultz
Beaumont Road
Columbus, OH 43214
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E. Di Francesco
New Jersey
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ernie howard
5oo Rockhold Dr.
Asheville, NC 28804
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I strongly support the ATF's proposal to REQUIRE DEALERS along the border to report BULK SALES OF ASSAULT RIFLES like they already do with handgun sales. The ATF must use its authority to collect this information and better enforce the laws already on the books.

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Ernie Nickels
322 E Broadway Lane
Tempe, AZ 85282
this is not the way to go!, Pls stop this. Arnie, Illinois
Please OPPOSE the  “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

This is an unnecessary regulation and is not allowed under Federal law. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) does not grant any such registration of multiple purchases of firearms, except for handguns.

The regulation contains no provision for the destruction of the collected information, and therefore is not legal under Title 18 U.S.C. § 926(a).

Laws do matter and this unnecessary and extra-legal proposal must NOT be approved.

Sincerely,

Ernie Scofield
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The answer is simple punish those who commit crimes with weapons, and leave the rest of us alone able to defend ourselves, home, and country.
From: Ervin Dennis [macthecat43@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:01 PM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: JUST SAY NO TO A T F E
Attachments: ATFLongGunSalesReporting.pdf
There is no reason to ask the government for the responsibility to report long guns... You have no right for this request. Law abiding citizens are the only ones punished are laws such as this.

Sent from my iPhone
Greetings Barbara,

I write today opposing the government effort to impose reporting regulations on the purchase of multiple long guns in states along the Mexican border; California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, known as “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.” This registration effort wastes valuable government resources chasing the imaginary problem of American firearms constituting 90% of Mexican drug cartel armaments. I would have thought the government’s own analytical resources would have been able to realize the fallacious nature of such statistics being used to bolster this purchase registration effort, but anti second amendment forces appear to have waylaid the truth. I provide here information from an unbiased third party identifying the true statistical assessment on the percentage of American sourced weapons confiscated in Mexico, in bleak contract to the voluminous amounts being used to further assault the second amendment rights. Our government need utilize the valuable resources of the BATFE in pursuit of actual problems and not imaginary ones.

Stay Well,
Edward Lemon

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For several years now, STRATFOR has been closely watching developments in Mexico that relate to what we consider the three wars being waged there. Those three wars are the war between the various drug cartels, the war between the government and the cartels and the war being waged against citizens and businesses by criminals.

In addition to watching tactical developments of the cartel wars on the ground and studying the dynamics of the conflict among the various warring factions, we have also been paying close attention to the ways that both the Mexican and U.S. governments have reacted to these developments. Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects to watch has been the way in which the Mexican government has tried to deflect responsibility for the cartel wars away from itself and onto the United States. According to the Mexican government, the cartel wars are not a result of corruption in Mexico or of economic and societal dynamics that leave many Mexicans marginalized and desperate to find a way to make a living. Instead, the cartel wars are due to the insatiable American appetite for narcotics and the endless stream of guns that flows from the United States into Mexico and that results in Mexican violence.

Interestingly, the part of this argument pertaining to guns has been adopted by many politicians and government officials in the United States in recent years. It has now become quite common to hear U.S. officials confidently assert that 90 percent of the weapons used by the Mexican drug cartels come from the United States. However, a
close examination of the dynamics of the cartel wars in Mexico — and of how the oft-echoed 90 percent number was reached — clearly demonstrates that the number is more political rhetoric than empirical fact.

**By the Numbers**

As we discussed in a previous analysis, the 90 percent number was derived from a June 2009 U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report to Congress on U.S. efforts to combat arms trafficking to Mexico (see external link).

According to the GAO report, some 30,000 firearms were seized from criminals by Mexican authorities in 2008. Of these 30,000 firearms, information pertaining to 7,200 of them (24 percent) was submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for tracing. Of these 7,200 guns, only about 4,000 could be traced by the ATF, and of these 4,000, some 3,480 (87 percent) were shown to have come from the United States.

![Firearms Seized in Mexico, 2008](image)

This means that the 87 percent figure relates to the number of weapons submitted by the Mexican government to the ATF that could be successfully traced and not from the total number of weapons seized by Mexican authorities or even from the total number of weapons submitted to the ATF for tracing. In fact, the 3,480 guns positively traced to the United States equals less than 12 percent of the total arms seized in Mexico in 2008 and less than 48 percent of all those submitted by the Mexican government to the ATF for tracing. This means that almost 90 percent of the guns seized in Mexico in 2008 were not traced back to the United States.

The remaining 22,800 firearms seized by Mexican authorities in 2008 were not traced for a variety of reasons. In addition to factors such as bureaucratic barriers and negligence, many of the weapons seized by Mexican authorities either do not bear serial numbers or have had their serial numbers altered or obliterated. It is also important to understand that the Mexican authorities simply don’t bother to submit some classes of weapons to the
ATF for tracing. Such weapons include firearms they identify as coming from their own military or police forces, or guns that they can trace back themselves as being sold through the Mexican Defense Department’s Arms and Ammunition Marketing Division (UCAM). Likewise, they do not ask ATF to trace military ordnance from third countries like the South Korean fragmentation grenades commonly used in cartel attacks.

Of course, some or even many of the 22,800 firearms the Mexicans did not submit to ATF for tracing may have originated in the United States. But according to the figures presented by the GAO, there is no evidence to support the assertion that 90 percent of the guns used by the Mexican cartels come from the United States — especially when not even 50 percent of those that were submitted for tracing were ultimately found to be of U.S. origin.

This point leads us to consider the types of weapons being used by the Mexican cartels and where they come from.

**Types and Sources of Guns**

To gain an understanding of the dynamics of the gun flow inside Mexico, it helps if one divides the guns seized by Mexican authorities from criminals into three broad categories — which, incidentally, just happen to represent three different sources.

### Type 1: Guns Legally Available in Mexico

The first category of weapons encountered in Mexico is weapons available legally for sale in Mexico through UCAM. These include handguns smaller than a .357 magnum such as .380, .38 Super and .38 Special.

A large portion of this first type of guns used by criminals is purchased in Mexico, or stolen from their legitimate owners. While UCAM does have very strict regulations for civilians to purchase guns, criminals will use straw purchasers to obtain firearms from UCAM or obtain them from corrupt officials. It is not uncommon to see .38 Super pistols seized from cartel figures (a caliber that is not popular in the United States), and many of these pistols are of Mexican origin. Likewise, cartel hit men in Mexico commonly use .380 pistols equipped with sound suppressors in their assassinations. In many cases, these pistols are purchased in Mexico, the suppressors are locally manufactured and the guns are adapted to receive the suppressors by Mexican gunsmiths.

It must be noted, though, that because of the cost and hassle of purchasing guns in Mexico, many of the guns in this category are purchased in the United States and smuggled into the country. There are a lot of cheap guns available on the U.S. market, and they can be sold at a premium in Mexico. Indeed, guns in this category, such as .380 pistols and .22-caliber rifles and pistols, are among the guns most commonly traced back to the United States. Still, the numbers do not indicate that 90 percent of guns in this category come from the United States.

Additionally, most of the explosives the cartels have been using in improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Mexico over the past year have used commercially available Tovex, so we consider these explosives to fall in this first category. Mexican IEDs are another area where the rhetoric has been interesting to analyze, but we will explore this topic another time.

### Type 2: Guns Legally Available in the U.S. but Not in Mexico
Many popular handgun calibers, such as 9 mm, .45 and .40, are reserved for the military and police and are not available for sale to civilians in Mexico. These guns, which are legally sold and very popular in the United States, comprise our second category, which also includes .50-caliber rifles, semiautomatic versions of assault rifles like the AK-47 and M16 and the FN Five-Seven pistol.

When we consider this second type of guns, a large number of them encountered in Mexico are likely purchased in the United States. Indeed, the GAO report notes that many of the guns most commonly traced back to the United States fall into this category. There are also many .45-caliber and 9 mm semiautomatic pistols and .357 revolvers obtained from deserters from the Mexican military and police, purchased from corrupt Mexican authorities or even brought in from South America (guns made by manufacturers such as Taurus and Bersa). This category also includes semiautomatic variants of assault rifles and main battle rifles, which are often converted by Mexican gunsmiths to be capable of fully automatic fire.

One can buy these types of weapons on the international arms market, but one pays a premium for such guns and it is cheaper and easier to simply buy them in the United States or South America and smuggle them into Mexico. In fact, there is an entire cottage industry that has developed to smuggle such weapons, and not all the customers are cartel hit men. There are many Mexican citizens who own guns in calibers such as .45, 9 mm, .40 and .44 magnum for self-defense — even though such guns are illegal in Mexico.

**Type 3: Guns Not Available for Civilian Purchase in Mexico or the U.S.**

The third category of weapons encountered in Mexico is military grade ordnance not generally available for sale in the United States or Mexico. This category includes hand grenades, 40 mm grenades, rocket-propelled grenades, automatic assault rifles and main battle rifles and light machine guns.

This third type of weapon is fairly difficult and very expensive to obtain in the United States (especially in the large numbers in which the cartels are employing them). They are also dangerous to obtain in the United States due to heavy law-enforcement scrutiny. Therefore, most of the military ordnance used by the Mexican cartels comes from other sources, such as the international arms market (increasingly from China via the same networks that furnish precursor chemicals for narcotics manufacturing), or from corrupt elements in the Mexican military or even deserters who take their weapons with them. Besides, items such as South Korean fragmentation grenades and RPG-7s, often used by the cartels, simply are not in the U.S. arsenal. This means that very few of the weapons in this category come from the United States.

In recent years the cartels (especially their enforcer groups such as Los Zetas, Gente Nueva and La Linea) have been increasingly using military weaponry instead of sporting arms. A close examination of the arms seized from the enforcer groups and their training camps clearly demonstrates this trend toward military ordnance, including many weapons not readily available in the United States. Some of these seizures have included M60 machine guns and hundreds of 40 mm grenades obtained from the military arsenals of countries like Guatemala.

But Guatemala is not the only source of such weapons. Latin America is awash in weapons that were shipped there over the past several decades to supply the various insurgencies and counterinsurgencies in the region. When these military-grade weapons are combined with the rampant corruption in the region, they quickly find their way into...
the black arms market. The Mexican cartels have supply-chain contacts that help move narcotics to Mexico from South America and they are able to use this same network to obtain guns from the black market in South and Central America and then smuggle them into Mexico. While there are many weapons in this category that were manufactured in the United States, the overwhelming majority of the U.S.-manufactured weapons of this third type encountered in Mexico — like LAW rockets and M60 machine guns — come into Mexico from third countries and not directly from the United States.

There are also some cases of overlap between classes of weapons. For example, the **FN Five-Se7en pistol** is available for commercial purchase in the United States, but the 5.7x28 armor-piercing ammunition for the pistol favored by the cartels is not — it is a restricted item. However, some of the special operations forces units in the Mexican military are issued the Five-Seven as well as the FN P90 personal defense weapon, which also shoots the 5.7x28 round, and the cartels are obtaining some of these weapons and the armor-piercing ammunition from them and not from the United States. Conversely, we see bulk 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm ammunition bought in the United States and smuggled into Mexico, where it is used in fully-automatic AK-47s and M16s purchased elsewhere. As noted above, China has become an increasingly common source for military weapons like grenades and fully automatic assault rifles in recent years.

To really understand Mexico’s gun problem, however, it is necessary to recognize that the same economic law of supply and demand that fuels drug smuggling into the United States also fuels gun smuggling into Mexico. Black-market guns in Mexico can fetch up to 300 percent of their normal purchase price — a profit margin rivaling the narcotics the cartels sell. Even if it were somehow possible to hermetically seal the U.S.-Mexico border and shut off all the guns coming from the United States, the cartels would still be able to obtain weapons elsewhere — just as narcotics would continue to flow into the United States from other places. The United States does provide cheap and easy access to certain types of weapons and ammunition, but as demonstrated by groups such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, weapons can be easily obtained from other sources via the black arms market — albeit at a higher price.

There has clearly been a long and well-documented history of arms smuggling across the U.S.-Mexico border, but it is important to recognize that, while the United States is a significant source of certain classes of weapons and ammunition, it is by no means the source of 90 percent of the weapons used by the Mexican cartels, as is commonly asserted.

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Please OPPOSE the “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

This is an unnecessary regulation and is not allowed under Federal law. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) does not grant any such registration of multiple purchases of firearms, except for handguns.

The regulation contains no provision for the destruction of the collected information, and therefore is not legal under Title 18 U.S.C. § 926(a).

Laws do matter. This unnecessary and extra-legal proposal must NOT be approved.

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Hello, and thank you for your time.

It is an idiocy to believe that guns sold in the U.S.A. are the problem. The problem is the Federal government not taking border security seriously enough. In Texas, we work hand in hand with all races, be it Hispanic or otherwise. But allowing Illegal (Illegal is just that) aliens to infiltrate the U.S. with out fear is giving all other terrorist groups the balls to do the same. Stop the influx, kick out the unjust, and be committed to naturalizing every emigrant that wants to come here. This is the melting pot, not a hot spot.

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To whom it may concern, Enough is enough stop stripping us of our rights. I do not agree that the ATF has the right to block any Honest, Legal American from selling any number of guns they have or may want to sell.

Please reconsider your position on this matter.

A concerned Patriot, Eugene West
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Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns

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Subject: Oppose Regulation Expanding Multiple Sale Reporting


First, is it actually legal to make laws that apply to only certain states that could - gods forbid - be applied to all of them?

For other reasons as well, this regulation is both illegal and unnecessary. Further there is no justification for any "emergency" implementation as reported by the Washington Post: White House delayed rule meant to stop gun flow to Mexico, Washington Post, Dec. 17, 2010, On-line edition: (http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/17/AR2010121706598.html).

* The regulation proposed is outside the statutory grant of authority to record information about multiple sales of firearms. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) specifically grants the authority to collect multiple sale information on handguns and revolvers. Other firearms are excluded and there is no implied authority to extend this reporting requirement to rifles or any other type of firearm.

* "FFL" holders are already required by law to respond to BATFE requests for information on firearms distribution pursuant to criminal investigations: Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(7).

* The regulation contains no provision for the destruction of information collected, which establishes a nationwide registry of "certain types of firearms" as proposed. Because of this the regulation as proposed is illegal under Title 18 U.S.C. § 926(a). "No such rule or regulation . may require that records required to be maintained under this chapter or any portion of the contents of such records, be recorded at or transferred to a facility owned, managed, or controlled by the United States or any State or any political subdivision thereof, nor that any system of registration of firearms, firearms owners, or firearms transactions or disposition be established."

There is a grave potential for this regulation to unduly burden citizens who are collectors or must obtain purchase permits at the local or state level to possess firearms. The proposed regulation does not say what the agency intends to do with the information but ostensibly it would be for criminal investigations. Subjecting law abiding gun owners to this type of investigation under the guise of "information collection" is an overt attempt to prevent them from exercising their 2nd Amendment rights to purchase and own firearms.

* This regulatory action has not allowed the public sufficient time to comment.

This regulatory action should not be approved.

Thank you,
Evelyn Logan
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This is an unnecessary regulation and is not allowed under Federal law. Title 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)(A) does not grant any such registration of multiple purchases of firearms, except for handguns.

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Sincerely,

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I understand the ATF would, understandably, like to take strong steps to address drug-related violence in Mexico. I do not dispute that some firearms purchased along our southern bordered don’t end up in Mexico. However, the drug dealer captured arms caches are primarily made up of weapons not even available for sale in the United States. The lawlessness in Mexico is driven by multi-billion dollar drug cartels with access to any and all types of arms on the international black markets. These cartels don’t need to purchase weapons from the United States.

Stopping this violence is the responsibility the Mexican government. This is not the duty of the ATF. The Mexican government has failed to provide education, job opportunities, and security for its own citizens. It cannot enforce its own law within its own borders. In spite of strong anti-gun laws within its own borders, and funding from the United States to improve the Mexican police and army, the violence continues. The Mexican government seems ready to implode. The Mexican leadership is corrupt and a failure in serving its own people.

The United States government needs to mind its own business, and address the needs of its own citizens, which at this time in particular, are many.

The best solution of the President and Congress to properly fund securing our border with Mexico by physical means and the use of the National Guard or Armed Forces to enforce our law within our own territory

Respectfully,

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