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Sincerely,

H. Deese
1006 72nd Street
Newport News, VA 23605-1902
RE: “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

OMB:

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.

John Hilliard
Member NRA
I do NOT believe the government has the right to inquire about sales of long guns in Texas or any other state.

Terry Hancock
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H Potter
110 Tyson Avenue
Glenside, PA 19038
This appears to be an illegal & expensive maneuver that will do little to solve the problem. Which you have not stated but I assume is to control the drug problem since it involves our border states. I think you will have to agree the federal government has failed at fore many years.

Sincerely H. T. Bosworth
Ms. Terrell,

I strongly urge the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to cease its demand to require all 8,500 firearm dealers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to report all sales of two or more semiautomatic rifles within five consecutive business days.

The ATF has no legal authority to demand these reports and it should stop immediately!

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen
Madam, I ask you to not proceed with this multiple sales reporting requirement. It is questionable if legal and nothing more then a poorly founded reaction to circumstances created due to lack of diligence applied to the matter in the first place. This process seems an abuse of your office and nothing less than a response to political pressure. Enforce the laws as written and do not "create" an unlawful regulation to conceal the lack of proper enforcement of the current laws and regulations. Thank You, H. Wynn
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H.D. JOHNS
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Rockville, MD 20853
Barbara - This proposed reporting of long guns is a violation of my Second Amendment Rights of the US Constitution. Under what constitutional authority does ATF propose to require this long gun reporting?

Howard Fitzpatrick
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Haidee LeClair
252 Pleasant Street
berlin, MA 01503
Who do you people think you are??? Walking all over the constitution you swore, **SWARE** to up hold. I took the same oath as you and I have and will keep it. You wonder why people are looking at us law enforcement men and women as enemys. We have illegal aliens kidnapping and murdering americans and you are more concerned about if “Billy Bob” bought 2 AR-15’s last monday. Come on people get real. What are we doing here?

Thanks for your time

Hal
Time to grow some balls and regulate the gun industry. Tell the NRA and their prostitutes, no thanks and enact some regulations to curtail the gun trade. I grew up without 31 shot clips and automatic weapons. Bring back the good ole days.

Hal Hazen
368 Raymond Road
Colchester, VT 5446
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Hamid Kasmai
13856 Stonebrok Ct
Clifton, VA 20124
Dear Ms. Terrell,

Please see the attached letter concerning semi-automatic rifle sales reporting.

Respectfully yours,
Paul Hammond
Davison, Michigan
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Hamson Ned
7359 Harrison Avenue
Mount Healthy, OH 43311
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: hangfire68 [hangfire68@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 5:05 PM  
To: Terrell, Barbara A.; Terrell, Barbara A.  
Subject: Long Gun Sales Reporting

Dear Barbara,

With the economy in its situation, I would think that law enforcement of existing laws would far, outweigh the moneys spent to require all of the 8,500 firearm 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. For example, a dealer would have to tell the government every time a deer hunter in Sacramento or Amarillo finds a good deal on a pair of semi-auto .30-06s like the popular Remington 7400. These firearms are not the kind that drug dealers use.

Full auto weapons are the kind that are purchased over-seas, as they are illegal in the USA, accept when the owner has a FFL.

Even if the requirements were implemented, the new laws would be redundant and still have to be enforced. Therefore, why not enforce the laws on the books now and save the time and money making redundant laws? Thank you and have a wonderful day. Mike

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

* 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 should not be approved.

Thank you,

Hans Amelang
Memphis, TN
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Hannah Bloch
2 Gregory Lane
Acton, MA 1720
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ATF and other U.S. law enforcement agencies can’t afford the man power or resources to keep up with the problems or address drug-related violence along our borders now. This is where we need to address your concentration and manpower in stead on paper work from law abiding citizens and gun dealers. We don’t need more paper work to bog down and waste more of our government’s time and money. Look at our already over taxed budget figures now.

Please don’t pursue the proposed “emergency” requirement that certain federal firearms licensees. 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” this will be a waste of time and money this country doesn’t have. Thank you Hans Svane Waldorf, MD.
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Harbour Doug
1225 George St SW
Canton, OH 43081
Hello,
I have heard that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives is demanding the authority to require all of the 8,500 firearm dealers in CA, AZ, NM & TX to report all sales of 2 or more semiautomatic rifles within 5 days, if the rifles are larger than .22 caliber & use detachable magazines. I would like to know from you if this is true and under what specific law is this covered. It is my belief that the ATF has no legal authority to demand these reports, and the additional paperwork burden is a waste of time for the legal firearms dealers. If you are lacking good insight to more productive use of the departments time and resources please let me know as if this rumor is true it will accomplish nothing to improve overall citizen safety nor prevent any unacceptable event.

Sincerely

Richard Hardcastle
Business Process Implementation Manager

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Sincerely,

Robert N. Smith
3917 Keith Pl
Annandale, VA 22003
Good Morning,
It is obvious to me that the problem with guns on the border stem from the lack of border control, not gun control. Control the borders and the problem will decrease.

Walter Harnly
This requirement, if enacted, will do little to stem criminal activity. I feel this requirement will unnecessarily burden the taxpayer with more bureaucracy, cost, and grow the government to process all the forms that will be generated.
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The U.S. Constitution and laws do matter. The unnecessary BATFE reporting requirement and "extra-legal" BATFE requirement must NOT be approved.

Sincerely,
Harold Bess
40 Victoria Drive
Fishersville, VA 22939-2127
(540)942-8788
2-11-02

Barbara, I'm retired now in my 70's, this new bill you have is a waste of time. We the people, who pay your department to protect us & should be enforcing the current laws we already have & this AZ shooting would of never happened. This man had a record & all his past was shown all over the news, It seems to me that some of your supervisors are letting you down & not checking the back grounds from any of the people who are filling out this paper work I guess for nothing to purchase a firearm your suppose to do this, just maybe they could of saved a few life's on this one. Please don't punish the 95% of Americans who follow the law over this. Please have some common sense on this & also help close our Boarders.

Harold & Marcia Bliss, In God We Trust
To: ATF

Gentlemen,

If there really is a problem of drug cartels making use of straw purchases of long guns in the US, I have a problem understanding why the alleged purchasers are not currently being prosecuted. Yes, it might mean a little effort on ATF's behalf but the means of tracing this down already exists. When a rifle(s) is confiscated it can be traced to the original purchaser through the manufacturer/distributor/dealer. The dealers records will identify who originally purchased the weapon. If a trend is found that indicates straw purchases are being made PLEASE prosecute the offenders. Let's enforce the current gun laws more rigorously, not create new ones!

Harold F. Daniels
Crystal River, FL
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Harold Darling
2515 Lakeshore Drive
Cleburne, TX 76033
Dear Ms. Terrell:

I am very concerned that once again anti-Second Amendment forces are seeking to misuse agencies of the Federal government to push their agenda. I speak of the December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.” My rights as an American citizen should not be different than those of Americans who live in the other forty-six states.

The law is very clear that there is no statutory authority or other legitimate legal authority for the collection of the proposed information. This is another imposition on legitimate law abiding gun owners and dealers with no actual useful crime prevention effect. Long guns are rarely used in crime, and when they are they are usual illegal automatic weapons not purchased from legal FFLs. This is an attempt to further burden the already dwindling number of FFLs in an attempt to further limit by regulation, American citizens Second Amendment rights, which have again been recently upheld twice in the two year by the Supreme Court.

These illegitimate backdoor approaches to limiting Gun Rights must end. This process of ignoring the written statues, which undermines the rule of law, must end. This misuse of Federal Agencies and Offices to push a minority political opinion to suppress the Civil Rights of legal gun owners under the guise of dealing with criminal activity must end. This effort to burden legal FFLs out of business must end.

Mexico’s drug and violence problems are of its own making and not the fault or responsibility of law abiding American citizens and businesses. I trust that if ATF chooses to focus on actual law enforcement instead of politics, this proposed overreaching regulation will not be put into effect.

And, if the Federal Government wants to help the American Citizens in the four states being singled out, seal the border and solve more that the alleged gun smuggling problem.

Thank you for your attention.

Harold Finelt
Mission Viejo, CA
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Bend, OR 97702
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Harold Swihart
3100 John Patterson Road
Des Moines, IA 50317
I am a gun owner (two handguns) and I strongly support limits on gun ownership. Whenever it is in the national interest of this country, or our neighbors, or our local communities to pay attention to the gun problem, we as adults, should get responsible.

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Harrison I. Madison
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The Mexican Druggies already have all the arms they need and they can fly in more from Arms Crooks all over the World.

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You have no need of this information. It does not fallow under your purview. I have seen your organization at work and the abuse of your powers. Ruby Ridge and the Branch Provisions. Get a court order like the rest of the law enforcement organizations do. As far as I can tell you are part of a redundant federal branch.

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Dear Ms. Terrell,

i stand firmly with the NRA regarding this proposal. Please read the attached document. Instead of imposing more arcane legislation on legal gun owners, why don't you bureaucrats try enforcing the existing laws? Banning guns is like outlawing cars to prevent drunk drivers. You can't legislate away stupidity.

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Harvey Yazijian
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Ms. Terrell,

I'm a writing to voice my opposition to the proposal by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to increase it's power over legal firearms dealers. My next statement I borrowed from the NRAILA website because it reflects my views. "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". The Bureau does not need any additional powers in this regard.

Again, I am opposed to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives gaining access to records of sales of firearms as outlined in its proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ricky B. Harwood RN
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Hattie Williams
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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.

Sent from my iPod
RE: December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles”

I wholeheartedly endorse the comments of Mr. Chris W. Cox, Executive Director, NRA-Institute for Legislative Action in his letter to OMB, dated 10 February 2011.

In their proposal, ATF exceeds their statutory authority. Further, such action grossly expands the customary use of "demand letters."

Any rational examination of the ATF proposal shows it to be unnecessarily burdensome. ATF would collect data from some 8500 licensed dealers in the four-state area -- without explaining the number of reports generated or the number of agents required to receive, organize, analyze, and track these reports. And if the bulk of these reports sit, unseen and un-acted upon, then we are training the citizenry to despise the law and the federal agencies enacting the law -- recall the Prohibition era and the resulting lawlessness.

Lastly, I would remind you of ATF's Operation Gunrunner, in which ATF simply lost track of firearms taken across the border into Mexico and later used to murder US Border Patrol agents and Arizona county sheriff deputies -- NOT a record of success to repeat.

I urge OMB to deny ATF's proposed collection of information.

Respectfully,
JAMES A. McCLURE
Colonel, USAF (Retired)
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Madam Terrell:

I have reviewed the letter sent to you by Chris Cox from our NRA. I concur with all the information he has in the letter. In response to your request for information from the public on the 4 points you listed are as follows.

1. Collecting info necessary? It appears the dealers are now passing on suspicious sales and why burden them and subvert the laws of our country to try additional methods. Go with the info. you are getting.
2. Estimate of Burden: It looks like you attempting to list no. of dealers and multiplying time for each to get a value of burden: Is that for a week of time? How can you estimate that??
3. Enhance the quality of info: You should use the info you now have.
4. Use of electronic media gathering: Not applicable as the procedure is against laws of United States.

In summary I stand with our NRA organization and request you not try to subvert our laws but use what you have and the info. the dealers are giving you now. Fight Drugs, Fight Mexico, Fight Cartels, Use the american patriots as your ally and not make them your enemy. We all in this together to fight this plague on our land, people, families.

God give you wisdom and strength of fight and use our people not against us...

Respectfully:

Harold Griffith
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Boones Mill Va. 24065
540 420 0467
This is just another example of government gone amuck in the demand of paperwork and regulations. The intended purpose of this law will only hurt legal firearms dealer and sportsmen. Crooks do not play by your rules and this will have no effect on the supposed purpose of this law.

Dan Kirkpatrick

A veteran and legal gun owner.
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.

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Helen Thompson
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From: Helen Updike [hghur1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 2:06 PM
To: Legislative Affairs
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns

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

Sincerely,

Henry Dowgielewicz
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Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Henry Dozier [hdkir09@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Henry E Schaffer [hes@unity.ncsu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 6:07 PM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Oppose - Expansion of Reporting for Multiple Sales

Dear Ms. Terrell,

There is a proposed emergency regulation - FR Doc. 2010-31761 - to expand reporting of multiple sales of some rifles.

No information is given about use and retention of this information. Nor does there seem to be adequate justification. It also appears to go beyond what the law permits.

Approval of this regulatory action should not proceed.
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--henry schaffer
It is my belief that the proposed reporting of multiple sales of long guns is contrary to existing law and will provide undo burden on both the purchaser and seller of legal long guns. The total burden hours estimated seems to be short by several thousand hours. Under the need for collection item (a) would appear to exclude the caliber .22 yet item (b) includes both the .17 and .22 caliber rifles if they accept a detachable magazine which many do. This proposed reporting requirement will do nothing to resolve the issues used in support of the requirement but are truly a back door attempt at further burdening the citizens of this great country. If reporting is so important this type of reporting should be accomplished through congress as law instead of bureaucratic faits accomplis.

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HENRY KATKIN
4 Ivy Dr
Smithtown, NY 11787
Ms: Terrell: Please find the following letter to the OMB of my opinion of the proposed rulemaing re: the registration of long firearms:

10Feb2011

OMB
Office of Information and Regulation Affairs
Attn. DOJ Desk Officer
Washington, D.C. 20503


To whom it may concern:

I feel that the proposed regulation and reporting requirement of multiple long rifles in a four state area is a bad idea for a number of reasons. 1) It is contrary to the intent of the firearms act of 1968. 2) It acts as a registration base for sales of firearms which is contrary to the intent of the idea of privacy of American citizens. 3) It is easily circumvented by simply buying multiple rifles at different dealer locations. 4) It will not prevent or stop any alleged firearms trafficking to Mexico. 5) It is a waste of resources and a blatant attempt to lay further groundwork for firearms registration.

I am certain that any further attempt to implement this as regulation will be met with numerous lawsuits thereby further wasting resources.

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Archer, FL 32618
From: Henryd [henryd@chartermi.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 7:49 PM
To: Terrell, Barbara A.
Subject: Stop!

Stop leaving us Americans alone with the fear of vulnerability like Europe.
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Herb Sayas
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Dear Ms Terrell,

I am writing in reference to:

*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*

I am 62 years old, with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary since 1975, Founding Member of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Former Department of Defense Civilian, Past Commandant with the United States Marine Corps League, spent eleven years representing the United States Naval Academy…..etc…..

basically a strong supporter…and follower of United States Laws….

This proposal goes against all I believe to be “American”…

There is no need to track “Honorable Americans”…

Use the funds you would use for the ATF paperwork in this proposal to search out the criminals that are the real threat.

I trust you will strive to make America safe….but not at the cost of Law Abiding American’s Rights and Freedoms.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer my opinion.

Sincerely,

Herbert Spohr

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*Arizona Licensed Private Investigator*
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February 10, 2011

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

I am writing on behalf of tax payers and gun sellers concerning the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) information request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The notice proposed an "emergency" requirement 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 the following characteristics: (a) Semi automatic; (b) a caliber greater than .22; and (c) the ability to accept a detachable magazine.

No matter what the BATFE claims will be the requirements of reporting these sales and the time and cost of doing so, in today’s economic climate no American business should be burdened with additional regulations that will increase any cost of doing business. I truly understand the desire to take strong steps to address the drug-related violence in Mexico and along the border. Using scarce resources on programs that exceed the legal powers of U.S. law enforcement agencies and add additional economic burdens to businesses is not the answer.

The drug cartels have a multi-billion dollar business which gives them access to any and all types of weapons on the international black market. If the Federal Government did its job and secured the border (this is bidirectional) then the transportation of weapons from the U.S. to Mexico would be addressed and both drug trafficking and illegal immigration would also be taken care of.
Unless the border is managed correctly and securely not only will the flood of drugs and illegal immigrants continue, but the safety of our nation will be in jeopardy. The OMB should deny the BATFE’s request to approve its proposed collection of information.

Sincerely,

Herbert J. Wasson

CC:   Barbara A. Terrell
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      Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
      99 New York Avenue, N.E.
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Dear Barbara Terrell,

We live in Arizona, and we are against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives demanding that gun dealers report all sales of two or more semiautomatic rifles within five consecutive business days of the sale. 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 and guarding our borders. Where is our Federal Government when we need border control?

Marian and Herbert Root
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Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: hg40sg20-folk1@yahoo.com  
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:20 PM  
To: Terrell, Barbara A.  
Subject: Long gun sales reporting

The ATF has no business and no authority to know how many guns any law abiding citizen has or purchases. Please cease and desist your efforts to have this information.
Dear Barbara,

Despite I do NOT wish to buy multiple Long Guns simultaneously, I nonetheless oppose vehemently the unconstitutional attempt to grab more invasive power over fellow citizens.

I am certain, at some point you swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. If that meant anything, now is your chance to observe it.

Ask yourself, if YOU gave up your all your privacy, all your freedoms and subject yourself to total control, will you then be save?

"He who trades freedom for some safety, will have neither"  ................

Thanks, for reading,

Herbert Graff
Please OPPOSE the BATFE's proposal to report multiple sale of certain rifles

Proposed Message:

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Respectfully,

Hank Heck
446453 E 280 Rd.
Vinita, Ok 74301
Cooksey, Roberta B.

Hiatt, Lorin [Lorin.Hiatt@ejgallo.com]

Friday, February 11, 2011 12:14 AM

Terrell, Barbara A.

Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles

Barbara,

Please do not allow the Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles That was started on Dec, 17,2010 to be passed. I believe this will cause an undue hardship for the Business owners. I also believe that the ATFE does not have the authority to authorize such regulations on the general public of these fine states. Please do everything in your power to prevent this.

Thank you for your time

Lorin Hiatt
Barbara A. Terrell  
Firearms Industry Programs Branch  
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99 New York Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, DC  20226.

Ms. Terrell,

I would like to comment in regards to the ATF December 17, 2010 “Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles.”

I do not want the ATF not to pursue this course of action because I believe this would be a waste of scarce resources and would create additional paperwork and would not be productive in preventing the stated reason for implementation of this action.

More importantly, I believe this is a further encroachment on my legal constitutional right to own and purchase firearms. This action if implemented would only increase undue regulation for all law abiding United States citizens without contributing to a reduction of firearms being used by violent foreign cartels. Quite frankly I view this as another attempt to restrict United States citizens their legal right to lawfully purchase and own personal firearms as guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

I would urge the ATF to pursue violent criminal organizations instead of putting undue burdens on all law abiding United States citizens.

Thank you,  
Franklin Higgins
Ms Terrell
It is time to stop making new gun laws. As a educated person you must know that there are enough laws on our books for gun control now. The problem is the existing laws are not truly enforced. John G.
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Hilary Baker
3369 Grant Court
Columbus, IN 47203
It is a moral outrage that we are responsible for the crime & deaths in Mexico and our own country. We cannot let the few, powerful people of the NRA determine how lax our gun laws should be. Personally, I can see no reason a private citizen needs something like an assault weapon, much less be able to buy them in bulk without reporting requirements.

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Hoechstetter Michael
7865 Forest Brook Court
Powell, OH 46168
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Dave Holdridge
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Jason Young
35 Frenchs Store Rd
Cumberland, VA 23040

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John Adams
www.wallbuilders.com

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Holly Riker
2504 B Whitis
Austin, TX 78632
BARBARA,

WHAT THE ATF IS TRYING TO DO IN THE FOUR SW STATES IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT WORD MEANS? OBVIOUSLY NOT.

YOU ARE IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT, I SUGGEST YOU READ THE CONSTITUTION.

STOP YOUR INTERROGATION STRATEGY OF THE FOUR SW STATES AND CEASE AND DESIST 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.

YOU ARE OVER STEPPING YOUR BOUNDARIES, STAND DOWN NOW.

WITH SYMPATHY,
HOLLY WINSMAN

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." Thomas Jefferson
BUTT OUT OF OUR CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED 2ND AMMENDMENT RIGHTS.

Thanks & Have a Great Day!

Rick Holman, CPCU, CLU, ChFC, CIC, CRM
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Holt Rhonda
3300 Hemlock Ln
Miamisburg, OH 44512
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Honora Finney
2100 Walnut Street - 12K
Philadelphia, PA 19103
This action must not be allowed. There is no legal right to do it, and it would have no effect beyond infringing on the rights of American citizens.

Richard Hoover
701 Hadley Ave
Kettering, OH 45419
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Hope Wang
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Newington, CT 6111
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Horace Lee
718 Academy Ave
Matteson, IL 60443
Hi, Mrs. Terrell

I'm a law abiding California that would respectfully like to ask you not to support this proposal/bill.

I'm an NRA member and do acknowledge the use of guns in crime from drug runners, human smugglers, & gangs. These type of people in no way should be allowed to buy or even own weapons.

What about a computerized system of id/background check at the point of sale instead of extensive paper work? Criminal records of theft or violence could immediately disqualify a purchase. One FBI database could be accessed from each gun store.

The real problem is that criminals get weapons no matter what, from anywhere. Regulation doesn't even slow down a criminals. It only restricts those of us that want to be able to defend or deter personal injury or loss to property. A lot of times, the sight of a potential victim with a weapon is enough to stop the crime from progressing. That's the goal, not committing more violence.

I would suggest a better use of resources would be to fight the criminal element with more police, gang task forces, & border defense.

Thank you for your work, it's important to our society & I'm sure it's no easy task you undertake.

Eric, Karen, & Madeline Cunningham
La Habra, CA 90631
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Howard Goldstein
400 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, NY 10033
Deae Ms. Terrell:

I am writing to convey my strong opposition to the ATFE proposal to require the recording and reporting of longarm transactions in border states or anywhere else in the US.

Sincerely,
Howard M. Goodman
As a sportsman and firearms owner in NY state I am asking this not be acted on.

howard green
Leicester NY
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howard mock
7249 n bell ave
chicago, IL 60645
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Glen Allen VA 23059
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Harry Callahan
Cooksey, Roberta B.

From: Hugh McFadden [hmcfadden95@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Legislative Affairs
Subject: Support for the Reporting of Multiple Sales of Long Guns

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Hugh McFadden
153 N Carol Blvd
Upper Darby, PA 19082
Ms. Terrell, i agree with the NRA. i believe we should not allow the proposal that ATF is trying to impose in regard to Fed. Register Vol. 75 No. 242 dated Friday, December 17, 2011 Notice 79021. if ATF struggles to keep up with information about gun sales today on a timely bases and really has no authority to increase the demand for added reporting why should our government allow such a proposal be passed.

i don't want to get on a soap box about guns and gun sales but i will pass on the following . it is in some way related to the proposal but definitely fully related to firearms laws and sales.

1) first and foremost i have heard the comment and firmly agree, it's not the gun that kills it is the person handling the gun, young or old. it may be an accident but with the right personal control, education of use or placement of firearm in owners home the accident may and most likely could have been prevented.

2) the gun owners that are negligent with gun control which result in accidental deaf(s) and/or injury(ies) especially caused by minors, such as we have seen in schools, homes and other environments, is the guilty party. again it's not the gun, it the lack of responsibility of the owner.

3) i know and i believe the majority of americans would agree that restricting sales to responsible buyers of firearms who intend to use their firearm(s) for legitimate reasons and/or taking away the privilege to own a firearm is not going to stop the vigilante or those who seek to do harm or the criminal from possessing a firearm.

4) those who want a firearm for illegal intent or to harm others will find a way to get a firearm.

5) restrictions or limits will only open up the black market even greater than it is today.

6) last but by all means not least restricting sales or taking firearms away from a buyer/owner who intent is to use the firearms for hunting, competition, targeting or other legitimate and lawful reasons also takes away the ability of that buyer/owner from protecting themselves and their family from those who intend to break the law and will do harm with a firearm if in their possession.

I'll stop here but question those who want to take away the rights to bare arms, what are they thinking.

Thanks for your time, efforts, works and consideration.

Hugh C. Culbreth
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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 the National Rifle Association of America, Inc. (NRA), To offer our comments on this Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The notice proposed an "emergency" requirement 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 the following characteristics: (a) Semi automatic; (b) a
Caliber greater than .22; and (c) the ability to accept a detachable Magazine.

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.\(^3\) A second type of demand letter was sent to only 450 dealers nationwide.\(^4\)

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."\(^5\) 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

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2 See *RSM, Inc. V. Buckles*, 254 F.3d 61, 67 (4th Cir. 2001).

3 *Id.* At 63.
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. If you have any questions about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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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.

In determining whether § 923(g)(5)(A) authorizes ATF to require the reporting of multiple sales of certain rifles, its words "must be read in their context and with a view to their place in the overall statutory scheme." Davis v. Michigan Dept. of Treasury, 489 U.S. 803, 809 (1989). More recently, the Supreme Court has explained:

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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350 U.S. at 285.

Thus, in determining the scope of ATF's authority under § 923(g)(5)(A), not only must § 923(g)(5)(A) itself be considered, but other statutory provisions must be considered to ascertain Congress' intent and give effect to the legislative will. *Philhrook v. Glodgett*, All U.S. 707, 713 (1975).

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
jurisdiction in which the sale or other disposition took place, not later than
the close of business on the day that the multiple sale or other disposition
occurs.

It is well-established that "a statute ought, upon the whole, to be so construed that,
if it can be prevented, no clause, sentence, or word shall be superfluous, void, or
omitted).

If § 923(g)(5)(A) authorizes ATF to require the reporting of multiple sales of
certain rifles, § 923(g)(3)(A) is rendered superfluous and insignificant because ATF
could use the authority of § 923(g)(5)(A) to require the submission of reports of multiple
handgun sales. That Congress deemed necessary the enactment of § 923(g)(3)(A) reveals
that Congress did not intend that § 923(g)(5)(A) have the broad reach ascribed to it by
ATF.

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 negativing 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.

1 See also Bulova Watch Co. v. United States, 365 U.S. 753, 758 (1961)("It is
familiar law that a specific statute controls over a general one").

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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 firearms in connection with criminal investigations." S.Rep. 98-583, at 17. The report continues:

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.

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."

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.
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.

§ 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.

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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 offirearms 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.

131 Cong. Rec. S8691 (June 24, 1985) (emphasis added).

Senator Hatch added 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." *Id.* Hatch stated about § 923(g)(5)(A) that "Congress had no intent to require all law-abiding gun dealers to report all their firearms transactions" to BATF. *Id.* at S9129 (July 9, 1985). For the purpose of "clarifying the record information submission requirement for firearms licensees," Senator Hatch inserted into the record ATF Director Serr's explanation of the purpose of the demand letter regulation quoted above.

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.

Since the proposed multiple sales demand letters will apparently be sent to all
dealers in a four-state area, including those who have never been found in violation of any law, and will request information about firearms that are not the subject of any criminal investigation, ATF has no authority for the proposed information collection.
It's time that the Obama administration does more to crack down on the gun smuggling carried out by the Mexican drug cartels.

I strongly support the ATF's proposal to require dealers along the border to report bulk sales of assault rifles, just 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.

With more than 30,000 people already murdered in cartel wars, this is an emergency that demands our government's immediate attention.

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