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Mail Stop 6N-518, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Enforcement Programs and Services  
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**RE: Docket# ATF 2022R-17**

To the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives,

I am writing in support of the ATF's proposed rule (Docket No ATF 2022R-17), which would dramatically reduce the number of guns sold without a background check.

Our background check system was created to keep firearms out of the hands of individuals who are not allowed to purchase or possess them in the first place. But loopholes in the system—like the ones that allow unlicensed gun sellers to sell guns online and at gun shows without running background checks on their buyers—undermine it.

That's why ATF's proposed rule is so important and should be finalized. It will help close loopholes in our background check system that have, for decades, been exploited by bad actors like gun traffickers, straw purchasers, and other prohibited persons, including domestic abusers and convicted felons.

I support the proposed rule because it makes clear that firearms dealing can take place wherever and through whatever medium guns are bought and sold—whether that's at a gun show or an online marketplace—and that certain conduct, like selling guns of the same or similar kind and type, constitutes firearms dealing. That means that these gun sellers will need to become licensed dealers and, as licensed dealers, run background checks.

The proposed rule won't just expand background checks and strengthen our background check system, but it will also save lives. That's why I support the proposed rule and why I encourage ATF to finalize it.

Sincerely,

(Print Name & Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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