



In Spring 2026, The ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) introduced a regulatory reform package that would weaken safeguards designed to prevent illegal gun trafficking while making it easier for firearms to be diverted into criminal markets.

Easy access to guns, the lack of proper registration and tracing, and the deregulation of the firearms industry contributes not only to countless deaths in the United States, but also to the cartel and gang violence that is fueling migration, displacement, and suffering in the places we work like Haiti and throughout Latin America.

Each rule change is open for public comment until August 4th, and so far, the majority of comments have been in favor of the proposed deregulations. We have prepared comments on 4 crucial rule changes and invite everyone to submit your comments using our template or creating your own.

The ATF is required to count, register and report on public comments received either for or against the proposed rule changes. Now is the time to make an impact.

We are also organizing a petition to submit to the ATF opposing these rules and calling for them to prioritize public safety, rather than further deregulating the gun industry.



[Sign our petition opposing these proposed changes](#)



Who can make public comments?

Anyone! And you can comment on any/all of the 34 proposed changes.

We have targeted four critical rule changes and prepared comments. (next page)

How to take action:

1. **Copy the prepared comment (or write your own)**
2. **Click the link to comment on the ATF website**
3. **Enter your personal information and paste the comment**
4. **Click submit**
5. **Share this with a friend**





Prepared Comments & Links

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Lax Gun Sales:

Revising Regulations Defining “Engaged in the Business” as a Dealer in Firearms (RIN 1140-AB01)

I am writing to OPPOSE the proposed rule RIN 1140-AB01. Unlicensed sellers are not required to conduct background checks or maintain transaction records, creating pathways for criminal actors and straw purchasers. This is not a simplification of existing law, this would exploit loopholes making it far easier for bad actors to purchase and traffic weapons.

Online Gun Sales:

Revising Non-Over-the-Counter Firearms Transaction Requirements Rule (RIN 1140-AB05)

I am writing to OPPOSE the proposed rule RIN 1140-AB05. Federal Firearm Licensees are our last line of defense against criminal actors. Only during in-person purchases can a dealer flag suspicious behavior and straw purchasers. The online option eliminates this guardrail.

Transporting Guns Across State Lines:

Revising Interstate Transport and Temporary Export of National Firearms Act (RIN 1140-AA89)

I am writing to OPPOSE the proposed rule RIN 1140-AA89. Removing the pre-travel approval requirement means owners of machine guns, short-barreled rifles, and destructive devices can cross state lines with these weapons without any prior government review. Public safety should take priority over convenience by maintaining strong oversight of how these weapons move across state lines and ensuring they do not end up in places where they are prohibited.

Creating “Free Trade” Zones for Gun Manufacturers:

Revising Firearms Activities in Foreign Trade Zones, Customs-Bonded Warehouses (RIN 1140-AA93)

I am writing to OPPOSE proposed rule RIN 1140-AA93. The proposed exemptions for Foreign Trade Zones & Customs Bonded Warehouses create significant regulatory blind spots. These gaps undermine international efforts to combat transnational gun trafficking, particularly from the US to Mexico, Haiti and across the Americas, enabling gun importers to use these warehouses to assemble or modify the guns before sending them to the market. Many importers circumvent rules by importing parts to be later assembled into a war gun, like popular AK-47 type weapons highly demanded by cartels and gangs. Overruling a standard import verification hampers the ability for the US and foreign authorities to trace weapons used in violent crimes.



Not sure what to do? Watch our video on how to submit a comment