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**OPEN LETTER TO ALL FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES AND
FEDERAL EXPLOSIVES LICENSEES/PERMITTEES**

ATF is dedicated to educating and working with the firearms and explosives industries, and the businesses, agencies, and groups that affect these industries, to help prevent terrorism, reduce violent crime and to keep the public safe. To this end, we have partnered with both the firearms and explosives industries to develop programs that not only address Federal regulatory requirements, but make improvements to safety and security that help keep firearms and explosive materials out of the hands of those who might seek to use them to the detriment of society.

ATF utilizes its relationships with the regulated industries in all aspects of our regulatory mission. We rely on industry's support and participation to maximize our effectiveness to prevent violent crime, to prevent the trafficking and diversion of both firearms and explosives, and to ensure the traceability of firearms and explosives.

ATF continues to work towards maintaining and further building positive working relationships with industry members, trade associations, law enforcement, and the general public. We value these cooperative relationships, especially proactive collaborations which aim to develop best practices. Collaboration with the firearms and explosives industries— identifying and eliminating illegal and/or unsafe practices—helps to safeguard the public, and the safety and business interests of legal manufacturers, importers, dealers, and users. We will continue to use resources such as these open letters; ATF newsletters and publications; and the ATF web pages at www.atf.gov to provide you with any updated regulatory information or new aids to enhance regulatory compliance and improved security measures. Additionally, we will continue to host educational webinars, attend industry meetings, and participate in seminars and conferences to facilitate communication and enhance outreach to industry members and organizations.

We at ATF look forward to continuing our work with you, and we thank you for your continued vigilance in helping keep America safe.

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