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"...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Dear Director Jones:

On behalf of the more than 650,000 members of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed "ATF Framework for Determining Whether Certain Projectiles are 'Primarily Intended for Sporting Purposes' Within the Meaning of 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(17)(C)," issued on February 13, 2015.

I have heard from thousands of CCRKBA members about this proposal. Their remarks range from "concerned" to "furious," and frankly, I can't blame them. Allegations have already been made that the process violates the Administrative Procedures Act.

The ammunition in question, M855 ball for the 5.56mm/.223 Remington modern sport-utility rifle, provides an affordable option for AR-15 owners to practice, compete, hunt varmints and control predators. The argument that there is no "sporting purpose" for this ammunition is at best specious. It is the most popular ammunition for the most popular rifle in America today.

There does not appear to have ever been a single use of this ammunition in one of the handguns chambered for the .223 Remington to injure or kill a law enforcement officer wearing soft body armor. This proposed ban on the M855 seems like an answer to a problem that does not exist.

CCRKBA members are seriously concerned that such an administrative maneuver could easily be used again to ban other types of common rifle ammunition, all of which we both know is capable of penetrating Kevlar and similar bullet resistant vests, which were designed to stop handgun bullets.

Director Jones, rest assured that CCRKBA members have a long tradition of support for law enforcement. However, I must concur with those members that the proposal appears to be a camel's-nose-under-the-tent effort that, if successful, could easily be abused to place even more restrictions on other rifle ammunition in the future.

Sincerely,

Alan Gottlieb, Chairman
Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

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