General Comment

I wish to object to any regulatory change that increases the health and safety of humans anywhere. Our injury and death statistics related to firearms incidents dwarfs that of the rest of the civilized world. We do not need to export that kind of risk elsewhere. Profiting from this would benefit a very few compared to the potential harm to others. And it is likely some of these weapons could be used on Americans. Please refuse this regulation change. Thank you.
Public Comment 387. Individual. Michael Tucker. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: michael tucker

General Comment

This is a very bad idea.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1155
Public comment 388. Anonymous. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

We need national, sensible gun control laws!!! Every single day I hear on the news about multiple people who have been shot to death and it is outrageous!!!!
Public Comment: The ability of the NRA to enact legislation that goes against the wishes of 80%-90% of the population is disturbing and frightening. Politicians that are complicit in passing legislation that goes against their own constituents are acting as profiles in cowardice and should be called out repeatedly, by name, on this issue. The NRA is responsible for more deaths in the United States than any terrorists groups and should be shamed accordingly. The idea that the NRA now wants to export their gun madness and arm our potential enemies is pure insanity. We must organize and vote the NRA politicians out of office. Thank you.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1153
Public comment 390. Individual. Nancy Fowlie. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Fowlie

General Comment

Any and all guns and ammunitions need to be regulated at all times by the federal and state governments. We must as a nation of laws protect all our citizens. Thank you.
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Comment On: BIS-2017-0004-0001
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1152
Public comment 391. Individual. Stephanie Hagiwara. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie Hagiwara

General Comment

Safety first. We need to take action to keep our citizens and the citizens of the World safe. Having the U.S. State Department handle the export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful weapons would keep safety first as the top criteria. The U.S. Commerce Departments first priority is increasing sales. Who knows how far safety would be pushed down the list. It is in our best interest to continue to have the U.S. State Department handle export licenses.
Moving any regulations of assault/military, and large capacity weapons needs time for review. It is obvious that a commercial agency would lean towards looser regulations to promote business. The NRA already has too much to say in terms off what determines "public safety". Each new shooting is a testament to that useless viewpoint. Dead is dead-"prayers and sympathy do NOT REPLACE LOST family members. The President and his 1% money grubby team are ONLY interested in 1 thing- guns everywhere- with little restrictions. Let's really look into who would benefit dollar wise-it should be an interesting fact finding mission.
Stop the increase and availability of fire arms
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1149
Public comment 394. Individual. Beverly Barry. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose any effort to move the transfer of firearms for sale from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept. This is obviously a move to allow firearms, dangerous automatic weapons, and ammunition for sale to other countries including those that may not have favorable relationships with the USA. This could pose a serious threat to National Security.
We already are the 2nd largest munitions exporter in the world. These weapons are not sold to good guys but to terrorists, drug smugglers, and militias that destabilize the existing order in many countries. This contribution to human suffering must be ratcheted back, not increased!
PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1147
Public comment 396. Individual. Susan Peterson. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Peterson

General Comment

All we need is more dead kids and innocent adults due to this country's asinine gun laws......
I oppose this nonsensical and dangerous rule change!!!!!!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1145
Public comment 398. Individual. Richard Guevara. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose any changes in regards to placing control of firearms, guns, ammunition, and related articles, to any other agency from the agency overseeing them currently.
So now we live with the possibility of ANYONE being armed and carrying in concealment., Where do the founders suggest that this is what they expected for us? Why do we NEED to live like this? How do we do well towards others when others may want to do ill towards us? Who wins under these circumstances? Weapons manufacturers, NRA, politicians who receive donations from the gun lobby, morticians, etc. We NEED to live peacefully. More guns haven't made us safer, and never will. This world of ours would be under constant siege with unregulated weapons.

THINK ABOUT IT! Then don't allow the sale of our peace, our security and our lives for the profit of the few. Find your soul, find love of life and humanity.
I oppose the firearms rule change that would switch regulations to the US department of commerce. This would lead to making gun sales more difficult to trace and more obscure.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1142
Public comment 401. Individual. Jo Ann McGreevy. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

1000% WRONG! This is simply another very stupid "act" on the part of Trump!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1141
Public comment 402. Individual. Richard Schoenberger. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

I oppose this, it is absurd to think that MORE access to guns will lead to less violence.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1140
Public comment 403. Individual. Nancy Brown. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U. S. State Department to the U. S. Commerce Department. I think this would be a very unwise decision. It could in the future result in difficulties for our soldiers against revolutionaries and gangs in foreign actions among other things.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Brown
It is vitally important to control the sale of firearms, guns, and ammunition. Gun sales should be restricted. Gun control is absolutely necessary to curtail the violence that abounds here and in no other civilized society.
I do not support the proposed BIS rule for the control of firearms, guns ammunition and related articles. We need more stringent controls on the export of weapons, not fewer! We should further restrict the movement of weapons and ammunition by all legal means. We also need laws and procedures to register and trace all weapons that are sold in the domestic market. The incredible rate of homicide and suicide by firearm is linked to easy access in the US.

We know US guns also flood neighboring countries, such as the weapons fueling armed violence in Mexico. In fact, most of the guns used by Mexican drug cartels come from the US due to our lax gun laws.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1137
Public comment 406. Individual. Mimi Hodsoll. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I want my tax dollars to stop the availability and proliferation of guns.
It seems to me that what we need is MORE control of firearms, especially assault weapons, in our country. In the Constitution, the "right to bear firearms" did not apply to firearms such as we have now!!!
I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. There is NO place in civilian life that warrants the availability of semiautomatic assault weapons.
I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms regulation is important both inside our borders and outside, and exports should be regulated by the department which is concerned with national security and diplomacy.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1133
Public comment 410. Individual. Joan Armer. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Getting rid of control of firearms is surely a totally insane idea, and will lead to more needless violence around the world. Stop this action NOW!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1132
Public comment 411. Individual. William White. 7-6-18

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General Comment

The NYT was right. We've become a circular firing squad!! Thousands dying yearly and this country owns 40%
of the world's privately owned arms. When will this insanity stop. Hunting and target shooting? Right! We may
be the next one hunted or targeted...
I oppose this rule change that would move the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The consequences could be terrifying.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1130
Public comment 413. Individual. Louis Napolitano. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Louis Napolitano

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I will vote against elected officials that support it.
The second amendment was always about allowing the states to maintain a standing army. The fact that includes a qualifier on "an organized militia" means that there is a limit to how and when this "right" applies. This was written in English so even conservative monolingual individuals SHOULD be able to understand it. ONLY the state has the right to establish a militia, so NO, NOT EVERY don, don jr., or eric is allowed to carry a saturday night special let alone a RPG! If they have such a problem with it, maybe they should talk to betsy devoss about what an awful job she did at the Department of Education. After all they are all the product of private schools.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1128
Public comment 415. Individual. Jessica Kusiak-Peters. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I am extremely concerned about these proposed rule changes. Overseas weapons sales are not just simple financial transactions with little or no consequences if goods are ultimately resold or otherwise passed along to third parties. Allowing weapons to leave these borders should require extra oversight to make sure that we do not inadvertently cause problems diplomatically or allow our troops do not find themselves under attack from our own weapons. These are complex matters that require a careful weighing of many interests. The system currently in place, with the State Department providing oversight, is better able to address the myriad of concerns. With all due respect, the Commerce Department simply is incapable of bringing the same degree of insight to these matters as their focus is mostly on the monetary, rather than the practical implications for foreign policy and national security. The president and those in his administration like to talk about their concern for national security, but these proposed changes suggest otherwise. I trust actions, not empty words. These changes should not be adopted.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It just means more assault weapons in the most destructive hands.
I oppose any rule change that would move the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Promoting the export and sale of more dangerous weapons is not in United States national security, or ultimately business, interests.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1125
Public comment 418. Individual. Merle Molofsky. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I am opposed to the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearm exports from the United States State Department to the United States Commerce Department. There is a difference between concerns about Homeland Security and concerns about corporate profits.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1124
Public comment 419. Individual. Tim Barrington. 7-6-18

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General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to indicate that I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my thoughts.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. These are dangerous weapons whose export shouldn't be guided just by economic/commerce considerations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Bettigole, MD, MPH
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1122
Public comment 421. Individual. Beth Fischer. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Don't transfer gun authority!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1121
Public comment 422. Individual. Ramon Sandoval. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Ramon Sandoval

General Comment

Have better gun laws and better background checks and stop taking money from the Russian funded NRA. Russia is the Enemy.
Do not make exportation of weapons of war any easier. This is a matter of safety and security for our neighbors and allies. The greedy bastards who manufacture guns just can't get enough blood money!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1119
Public comment 424. Individual. Marianne Ewing. 7-6-18

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General Comment

the bis new proposed rule is a bad rule there must be control of munitions.
The possession of ALL DEADLY WEAPONS should be regulated in a civilized society!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1117
Public comment 426. Individual. Diana Cowans. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed BIS rule change that would remove control of the sale of firearms and related items from the USML. This is a clear and blatant attempt by the NRA to allow the US to become the arms dealer to the world, with no concern for our national security or for anyone’s safety. The NRA knows that our current administration is quite willing to support firearms sales to everyone. This is a quid pro quo for the massive donations that the NRA makes to many in our current government.

If we allow this rule change, we will be harming America's security and the safety of the entire world. This is not what most of us want for America. We want a safer world, not a world where gun dealers can supply arms to anyone who can pay the price, without reasonable oversight.

Please do not approve this change. Demonstrate some maturity and common sense and show the world that America has not lost all common sense and ethical and moral behavior.
This insane proposed rule would open the floodgates for more guns everywhere! This is insane! Removing this safeguard would put more guns in the hands of terrorists, criminals and the mentally unstable. STOP THIS MADNESS!!!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1115
Public comment 428. Individual. Ms. Duprey. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Ms. Duprey

General Comment

This is insanity to switch the regulations of firearms export from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. I very strongly oppose this rule change.
The United States of America has more firearms per capita than any other nation. We also have an extraordinarily high rate of death by gun violence. We must find a way to control access to guns.
I am strongly opposed to this rule change and ask that regulations of firearms remain under the jurisdiction of the State Department. The sale of firearms to other countries is a matter of national security, and it is not only inappropriate but dangerous for these sales to be regulated by the Commerce Department. The dangers this rule change pose include firearms reaching oppressive regimes, organized crime, and terrorists, as well as 3-D printing of firearms. There is no justification for this rule change - the profits of gun manufacturers and their lobbyists do not justify the increased danger to Americans and our national security that this proposed rule change poses.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1112
Public comment 431. Individual. Maryann Pitman. 7-6-18

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General Comment

The last thing our gun ridden society requires is more access to destructive weapons. We don't need less regulatio, we need more. I am tired of reading about mass shootings.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1111
Public comment 432. Individual. Anonymous. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

So, really anti-terrorist, anti-crime on this lemon. Flooding the world with guns WILL NOT make anyone safer, not even you. This is like saying that it hurts to bang your head against the wall so clearly you've gotta bang harder. This is like thinking that cars are dangerous so everyone needs to be in a car all the time. This is like every other idiotic, dangerous, stupid, ignorant, greedy, venial act this mal-administration has done so far. Can't you take a break channeling the anti-Christ even for a day or two? Why do you hate America and Americans so much?
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1110
Public comment 433. Individual. Deborah Bannister. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Bannister

General Comment

We dont want all guns taken away, we want reasonable and necessary background checks. Also, all gun sellers should have to require gun background checks. There could be a database of people who have had and passed background checks...vendors could have access to this database and use it to verify before purchasing. If you are unwilling to have a background check, I would question your fitness to purchase.
Gun control must happen
Submitter Information

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General Comment

Please strengthen gun control laws. Do not weaken them in anyway. Obviously this is a huge problem. Thousands of people are dying every year because gun control laws are not strong and tough enough. When will this change? How many people have to die? Im scared to go to a movie theater. Im scared to send my children to school. All because crazy angry people have plenty of access to guns. It makes no sense.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This change will eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals and transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun makers to taxpayers. It also removes statutory license requirements for brokers which could increase the risk of trafficking.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to enforce export controls. This change transfers gun export licensing from an agency with the mission to promote stability, conflict reduction and human rights, to an agency whose mission is to promote trade. Please do NOT make this rule change.

Thank you.
Munitions are munitions, period. Changing the way these things are regulated is WRONG, and immoral, and nothing but a boon to the NRA and the weapons industry they represent, at the expense of good governance and laws that have been PROVEN to work, for a long long time.
I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This rule change would have frightening national security implications.
I am deeply concerned by the proposal to move firearms from ITAR to EAR.

I work in the space industry, where we must be exceptionally careful in our handling not only of materials but of knowledge concerning anything that could be used in a weapons system. We are taught that a rocket, even one designed for peaceful purposes, is to be treated as a potential missile.

If ITAR regulates potential weapons, it ought to regulate actual weapons. If it doesn't, perhaps we should be looking at sharing more of our space technologies (which aren't weapons) with the rest of the world via EAR.

Moreover, the State Department not Commerce ought to have the final say on where weapons are exported and by whom, as weapon export has an obvious effect on our ability to participate in diplomacy. The Commerce Department should not be saddled with the responsibility of conducting diplomacy.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It seems the height of folly to have the regulation of firearms export overseen by a department concerned with the well being of its citizens to a department whose bottom line would tend towards how much money can be made.

Thank you for considering my comments.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1102
Public comment 441. Individual. Anne Doane. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Doane

General Comment

To: Bureau of Industry and Security,

The proposed rule to no longer monitor and control firearms and ammunition is by far is one of the most blatant attempts of the NRA to influence a governmental safety measure. Controlling and monitoring firearms and ammunition helps prevent the attempts of individuals and groups to obtain mass quantities of firearms and ammunition with no oversight and can lead to misuse of these firearms and ammunitions. Please maintain the current laws that monitor and control these items and please place more common sense gun and ammunition laws to help protect the average American citizen.

Thank you,

Anne Doane
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1101
Public comment 442. Anonymous. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

For the safety of our fellow people EVERYWHERE, please keep this within our State Department. Thank you!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1100
Public comment 443. Individual. Lora Stakey. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Lora Stakey

General Comment

Ban assault weapons now!
I oppose the proposed rule change that would shift regulatory responsibility from the US State Department to the Department of Commerce. This proposal has a clear intention of greatly expanding arms exports without any consideration about public safety, making us all less safe.
General Comment

Please do not relax ANY gun controls. The exact opposite is what's needed at this time, with firearms related deaths rising in our nation.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1097
Public comment 446. Individual. Nancy McRae. 7-6-18

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General Comment

We don't need to export our unique gun violence problem to other countries by moving the handling of export licenses for assault style weaponry from State to the Commerce Department.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1096
Public comment 447. Individual. Gregory D Simpson. 7-6-18

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General Comment

How many more DEATHS? The 2nd amendment is just that an amendment not a commandment.
Dear legislator,
I oppose any and all regulations proposed by the NRA. I oppose any and all REMOVAL of regulations that the NRA approves. I will oppose any votes that are undertaken by any legislator that accepts NRA money for the NRA's advantage. I will continue to oppose all of these things until the situation changes drastically. Also, dear legislator, I will continue to oppose YOU until your votes are more in line with the safety and security of the citizens of America.
We simply need very strong and sensible gun control.
I wish to submit my opinion regarding switching the regulations of fire arms from the State Dept to the Dept of Commerce. I am STRONGLY in OPPOSITION to this change, as it would potentially make our country and the world more dangerous than they are already. If this switch were to occur, the State Dept would no longer be able to restrict 3-D printing of weapons, thereby opening the floodgates for the production/distribution of more weapons. I've been told that this would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, and would stop the program that inspects pre-licensing of guns and issues reports. We are already seen by the world to be unrestrained 'cowboys', We need to become more insightful in regard to the proliferation of weapons that make it into the hands of terrorists, international gangs and organized crime, and without the State Dept oversight and regulatory authority, firearms will be exported to anyone with money. I cannot conceptualize the need to switch control of firearm exports - - please do not approve this item.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Though I'm sure it would be profitable for gun manufacturers, it would create serious consequences for our country, not the least of which could ultimately be an increased security threat of our own making.
I strongly object to this rule change! It would be a travesty to transfer the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This moves the emphasis from SAFETY of American Citizens to COMMERCE! Much more is at stake than $$$. Please reconsider.
I am opposed to the proposed rule change being sought by the State Department. This is a dangerous move by the State Department which will create more gun violence for other countries involved in the sale of US made firearms and munitions. Semi automatic assault rifles should not be reclassified by the Dept. of State as "non-military" type arms. Members of the US military, as well as groups engaged in armed conflict around the world. The proposal to essentially transfer the cost of processing licensing fees from gun manufacturers to taxpayers is unacceptable. Taxpayers should not have to bear the financial cost of the transactions which companies that sell guns engage in. The removal of statutory license requirements for brokers increases risk of trafficking of these firearms. Businesses in the United States should be able to sell guns to foreign governments, but under the assurance that the weapons sold will not fall risk to trafficking. This proposal enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms. I am firmly opposed to removing this current prohibition on the 3D printing of firearms. We do not need to add even more enforcement responsibilities to the Dept. of Commerce when it currently has a hard time regulating current export controls. This provision transfers gun export licensing from an agency with a mission of promoting stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade. I, as a private citizen and a taxpayer am against all potential changes which the President has proposed with regards to the exporting of firearms and munitions.
Regulation of firearms export should remain with the U.S. State Department. The Department of Commerce is not up to speed on safety and other regulatory concerns, nor are those concerns in the scope of the Department of Commerce. Thank you.
STOP already!! How many must die for you to change the law and get rid of stocks and semi automatic rifles ??
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1064
Public comment 456. Individual. Marilyn Brenneman. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

Why would you want to make it easier to buy guns after all the death and murders of so many innocent people already this year? Where is plain common sense in the thinking of more?
We do not need to make assault style weapons more readily available. Quite the opposite. These weapons are NOT for self defense or hunting. There is no reason for most of the general public to have assault weapons that are designed specifically for military use and are designed specifically to kill lots of people. We should be working harder to insure that people who cannot handle such responsibility are not able to get their hands on these highly specific and very dangerous tools. Public safety is at serious risk.
There are too many guns in this country and the U.S. leads the world in gun injuries and deaths. Do everything in your power to make buying a gun a little more difficult so criminals and the mentally ill do not have an easy time getting them. It is the right thing to do. You probably have kids, do you want your children growing up constantly worried about being shot?
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1061
Public comment 459. Individual. Melissa Heston. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I absolutely oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms must be treated as weapons of destruction, not simple commodities.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1060
Public comment 460. Individual. Howard Ordo. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

No one except Police and our Armed Forces need more than a pistol or hunting rifle!!
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This could open the floodgates for sales of firearms internationally, which would affect our national security.
The United States should never add to the capacity for killing and maiming in the world. We can be better than that.
The NRA's push for guns everywhere is INSANE!
We need more gun control and fewer guns.
International gun sale regulation needs to stay in the hands of the U.S. State Department, not the Department of Commerce. With all the Trump Administration's lengthy talk about the need to beef up national security, the idea of loosened regulations on international assault weapons sales baffles me.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1054
Public comment 466. Individual. Ricann Bock. 7-6-18

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General Comment

NO NO NO NO! U.S. We cannot move the responsibility for regulation from the State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business)!
SAFETY VS COMMERCE. I know we have a capitalist country, but we cannot continue to put that first, above all else. The safety of people should come first. We have no business exporting our GUN CULTURE to the rest of the world! I repeat NO NO NO NO NO!
This is a terrible idea! If guns and related items can be sold to any person or country with no regulation or control, those arms will probably be used against us in some way. They would probably be used against our allies, also...but who would know???

There are other reasons this would not be appropriate, but common sense says this will be harmful to everyone except who sells and lobbies for gun sales and support.

If the NRA is trying to promote this to increase the gun sales in our country, that is totally immoral.

I urge all with power over this proposed rule to NOT change control from the State Department to the Commerce Department.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1052
Public comment 468. Individual. Janis Dufford. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Janis Dufford

General Comment

I oppose this rule that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the US State Dept to the US Commerce Dept. The State Dept is closely aligned with our national security interests and must maintain this responsibility. Personally, I believe the world would be a much better and safer place with far fewer firearms and ammunition.
Common sense: background checks for ALL. Even gun shows, maybe especially gun shows.
Age limit of 21 and older
No rapid fire and especially NO guns more capable that those of our police officers.
It's just common sense. Start with this and then debate any other restrictions. We all deserve to feel safe but to frighten little and big children and teachers etc for the sake of someone owning a gun is just plain rediculous!!!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1050
Public comment 470. Individual. Judith Gibson. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department is not equipped to oversee the movement and management of firearms and munitions.
It seems that the rest of the sane world already knows that less guns is better for everyone. We need to study gun deaths and the bloodthirsty gun owner mentality as if it was a disease in need of a cure. We need to better control who can purchase guns of all kinds, especially assault. I can tell from nearly everything I read that most gun owners feel the same way.
I should think the sheer number of mass shootings since the beginning of the year would indicate a "control of firearms" is indeed necessary. We control how people drive or if they vaccinate their kids before entering school because they address public health issues. Death from guns is a public health issue.
As a mother and grandmother, I oppose the proposal to move oversight for international arms sales from the state department to the commerce department. We don't need to be freely exporting our culture of armed aggression to endanger other children in other nations. The only winners would be the arms manufacturers, and their profits are just fine as it is.
WHEN are we going to start VALUING OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES MORE THAN OUR GUNS ???? SHAME ON YOU !!!!
I strongly oppose this proposed rule change to switch the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1044
Public comment 476. Individual. Mark Smith. 7-6-18

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General Comment

No exporting of guns. Thanks, Mark
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1043
Public comment 477. Individual. Linsay Firman. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I believe that the international sale of weapons should continue to be regulated by the US State Department, not the Department of Commerce. This is a question of national security, not economics.

Thank you,
This government run by a corrupt president is making our lives far less safe every day. This is just another way he can destabilize the people and make it far more easy to use guns to kill people. Trump seems to think that these regulations are an impediment to freedom, but in fact they are exactly what the people want... fewer guns out in our homes, streets and neighborhoods. These guns should certainly be under the US Munitions control.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1041
Public comment 479. Individual. Linda A. Heath. 7-6-18

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General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Our world is very unsafe and unstable at the present time. How much more unsafe and unstable will it become if this rule change should go into effect? Please do not let a few extremists dictate a US that is drastically different from the one envisioned by our Founding Fathers!
American gun and ammunition manufacturers must not be allowed to sell their products outside US borders. They will be sold to crooks and terrorists and used against US citizens. No sales of guns or ammo!!
General Comment

The NRA are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Please do not allow this to happen. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.
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Public comment 482. Individual. Stephen Durbin. 7-6-18

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General Comment

NO MORE GUNS...NOT MORE GUNS LIKE THE nra WANTS BECAUSE THEY ARE GUN AND AMMO MAKERS WHORES...STRICT REGULATION...TAKE GUNS FROM ABUSERS AND FELONS...MAKE AR-TYPE RIFLES AND HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINES ILLEGAL T
guns and commerce.. hmmm, is that really how deadly weapons should be moved out as consumer goods?? This is so wrong headed and clearly a greed imperative, no regard for effect.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1036
Public comment 484. Individual. Elizabeth Hegeman. 7-6-18

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General Comment

not more guns!!!!!!!
I strongly oppose the rule change that would transfer the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department, to the U.S. Commerce Department. The sale of firearms is not simply a commercial endeavor, but with advanced weapons, can also become a national safety issue.
We would be at high risk for national security cause we wouldn't have any control on firearm sales!
General Comment

Too many guns means more people will die and more money will be spent on prisons. We need to ban assault weapons and keep them out of the hands of people with mental illnesses.
General Comment

Please do not transfer authority over the sale/export of firearms from the State Department to the Department of Commerce. The State Department has the necessary expertise, which Commerce lacks, to safeguard our national security by preventing sales going to international bad actors. Moreover, the Department of Commerce necessarily seeks to boost sales of US products and exports overseas, which will result in an increased number of firearms "out there" in the world. Given the number of countries, groups, and terrorists that seek harm to the US and its citizens, this is a patently bad idea. This rule change makes no sense whatsoever, except as a means of boosting profits for (already profitable) gunmakers and pleasing special interests like the NRA.
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General Comment

Please, do NOT LET THIS HAPPEN! We have enough horror dealing with too-lax gun laws as it IS!
Automatic weapons need to be banned, any civilian firearms need to be tightly regulated and kept out of the hands of criminals & unstable individuals! It's the only way to stop the carnage in the streets. Right to bear arms does Not belong in the Constitution, totally outdated!!
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is a threat to national security at the very least.
I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

What could possibly go wrong!??

The consequences of this regulatory change have obviously not been thought through--like a lot of other Trump policy decisions. (Do we really want a repeat of the fiasco we now have on the southern border? That's what happens when things are not thought through.)

The consequences of this rule change include the escalation of violence and destabilization of local governments all over the world. Literally. Groups from Africa to Ukraine, to Central America, the West Bank, and southeast Asia--groups as diverse as narc-o-terrorists, organized crime gangs, oppressive oligarchs, and insurgent elements in civil wars everywhere (literally everyone from MS-13 to ISIS) will now be able to acquire American-made armaments and munitions--in any quantity--with minimal scrutiny. The escalation of violence and oppression of political opposition anywhere not only harms its immediate victims, it also drives the flight of refugees seeking asylum which the Trump administration ostensibly wants to STOP--with either a wall or travel ban. However, this rule change exacerbates that particular problem. An "open arms market" does not improve national security; it actually worsens it.

Therefore I oppose this rule change. ..
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1027
Public comment 493. Individual. Anonymous. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

Bring back mental health monitoring
Require educational training
Close background check loopholes at gun shows
Ban assault rifles
Jail time for parents/people who do not safeguard children from gun access.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1026
Public comment 494. Individual. Sara Katz. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]
Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!
This proposed regulation is terribly unwise because firearms, guns, ammunition and related articles would not be regulated at all. Allowing an irresponsible president, who has no sense of how to protect American citizens or people all over the world, to disallow dangerous weapons from being controlled, is an extremely reckless policy proposal and must not be permitted.

Please do not proceed to implement this proposed rule. Thank you.
am writing in opposition to the proposal for the U.S. to become a major international weapons dealer. The proposed rule changes are wrong and dangerous for many reasons including:
--Treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, despite their use by U.S. troops, their use by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts, and their prohibition for civilian possession in many countries.
--Eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.
-Transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.
--Removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.
--Reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.
--Enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms.
T--he Commerce Department does not have the resources to enforce export controls, even now.
Please do not go forward with this proposed change in rule.
General Comment

Do not change the existing rule of law. We should not be encouraging the sale of guns around the world.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1022
Public comment 498. Individual. Joanne Nikides. 7-6-18

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General Comment

This is the dumbest idea youve had yet.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The U.S. State Department is focused on safeguarding our nation in juxtaposition to the U.S. Commerce Department that is focused on promoting American business. Let's safeguard our nation.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It does not make sense in terms of security to make it easier for our enemies to buy weapons, assault weapons, then turn around and harm our citizens. In this era of gun violence taking innocent lives, rather than improving regulations, making sure our country's State Department is aware of arms sales, this move increases the risk of weapons ending up both in the wrong hands but also us not knowing where these weapons are going. This proposed rule change treats semiautomatic assault rifles as non-military. By definition an assault weapon is made to assault and cause harm. Assault is illegal. There is no reason to make this available to anyone. It has nothing to do with the right to bear arms. This is only about making more money.

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). Clearly, this is not about our right to bear arms as the NRA advertises itself. This is all about money and making money, without care of our country/citizens. I am so tired of our governing leaders only making decisions based on making money over everything else while professing great Christian values. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Do NOT transfer control of firearm exports to the Dept of Commerce. Think of what is right not making more money.
This is an action lying somewhere between tone deaf and brain dead.
I oppose the sale of guns to other countries under the commerce department. Spreading our weapons around the world for profit has only one motive, the big buck.

At some point you have to say no more. What is a life worth?

Australians had massive buy-backs of guns and now gun violence is a rarity.

Gun violence is our country's shame. We should not spread the shame to other countries.
I disagree with the president's actions as far as providing safety for the American people. His recklessness shows that his concerns are with the financial backing that he receives from the N.R.A.; and not with the necessary protections that our citizens should expect.
I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It could open the gate to terrorist states more easily getting weapons of war, possibly to use against us.
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Public comment 505. Individual. Edward Laurson. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Stronger background checks, lower capacity magazine and stronger rules for the purchase of AR-15 type weapons.
The proposed change makes no sense and is potentially disastrous. Leave well enough alone.
USA has greatest number of Gun injuries & Deaths. USA has greatest number of guns & assault rifles of any developed country, except WAR ZONES. DO NOT FURTHER ALLOW MORE GUNS & ASSAULT RIFLES ON USA STREETS. USA is not behaving as a Civilized Society. We are behaving as a Barbaric, uncivilized Society.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1012
Public comment 508. Individual. Kathleen Bovello. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen bovello

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This country and the world at large have NO need for more guns. Please keep the rule intact.
Thank you.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1011
Public comment 509. Individual. Thomas Stamm. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Thomas Stamm

General Comment

I am opposing this rule change... this by no means a good thing to do.. Do what is the right thing to do and stop what the money all the time
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1010
Public comment 510. Individual. Diane DiFante. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

For safety and security of US population, control of arms sales MUST remain under State Dept control.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-1009
Public comment 511. Individual. Steven Van Grouw. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Van Grouw

General Comment

I am opposed to guns sales of any kind, legal or illegal, in any place at any time. Period!
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. This is a horrible idea. It is unsafe and we should put people ahead of dollars.
This transfer of authority from the State Department to the Commerce Department replaces diplomacy, which advocates for alternatives to military action, with corporate self-interest, which places profit before the well-being of people around the world. It is economic imperialism in the guise of trade expansion. Such a shift is immoral and against the best interests of the United States.
General Comment

I wish to comment on the proposalmaking it easier to export U.S. guns and ammunition globally. As a parent and a grandparent, this is an issue I feel very strongly about.
I have read that this proposal classifies semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military when they are used by our army. They are also use by opposing forces in armed conflicts, and are prohibited for civilian possession in many countries.
It would remove Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.
Taxpayers would have to pay processing licenses instead of gun manufacturers.
It removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.
I understand that the Commerce Department does not even have the resources to enforce export controls, as it is.
It reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports.

There are many other reasons that I know the above proposal is a very bad idea that will cost untold lives.
Please reconsider this ill timed and very unwise proposal.
UNCONTROLLED FIREARM-RELATED DISTRIBUTION WILL FEED THE ALREADY RISING AMOUNTS OF MUNITIONS, WHICH IN TURN FEEDS THE RISE OF VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY.

PLEASE OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED RULE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.
Guns are like cars, a tool that requires skill and a clear head to safely operate. It's time to treat guns like cars.
I feel that it is very important that something is done to have stricter regulations on guns. It is terrible that innocent man, women & children are being killed every day. Please help to make our communities and public areas safe without the fear.
Commonsense gun laws NOW before there's another school disaster.
General Comment

I am completely opposed to this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This has serious implications for national security. The State Department needs to be in oversight of these transactions.
The United States government should not be in the business of boosting the sales of guns and ammunition at the national and international levels. More gun sales makes our world less safe.
more guns= more deaths, if population control is what you are looking for...you are on the right track. OR maybe we should do better screening and background checks, educate people on locking guns safely away from children and better mental health care for Americans...
The AR-15 was designed to inflict maximum damage as quickly as possible. It isn't a hunting rifle, it's not a self-defense measure.

The AR-15 assault rifle was engineered to create what one of its designers called "maximum wound effect." Its tiny bullets, needle-nosed and weighing less than four grams, travel nearly three times the speed of sound. As the bullet strikes the body, the payload of kinetic energy rips open a cavity inside the flesh essentially inert space, which collapses back on itself, destroying inelastic tissue, including nerves, blood vessels and vital organs. "It's a perfect killing machine," says Dr. Peter Rhee, a leading trauma surgeon and retired captain with 24 years of active-duty service in the Navy. "A handgun wound is simply a stabbing with a bullet," says Rhee. "It goes in like a nail." With the high-velocity rounds of the AR-15, he adds, "its as if you shot somebody with a Coke can."

The shooter used a Smith & Wesson M&P15, a military-style assault rifle with large capacity magazines. Assault weapons were also used in previous mass shootings, including Aurora, Colorado; Newtown, Connecticut; San Bernardino, California; Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Oregon; Sutherland Springs, Texas; and Las Vegas, Nevada.

We do not want to hear our state and federal officials offering their thoughts and prayers for this latest tragedy we want action now! Military-style assault weapons and large capacity magazines have no place in civilian society and are only designed to kill and injure large numbers of people in a short period of time.
We cannot allow the daily carnage in our country to be the new normal.
Every child that dies, because of loose policies, is going to be the fault of all those who allowed it!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0996
Public comment 524. Individual. Terence Travis. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I am adamantly opposed to this rule change. There needs to be MORE regulation of military weapons, not less.
It's a daily routine now. Turn the evening news on and see where the person or people that were murdered by guns lived.
This morning before 6 a.m. a motorcycle driver was shot and killed on a freeway near L.A.
Where will the next one be?
PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0994
Public comment 526. Individual. Carol Collins. 7-6-18

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General Comment

CLOSE THE FLOODGATE ON GUN SALES.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0993
Public comment 527. Individual. Barbara Evans. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Evans

General Comment

We should not be arms dealers. They go to dangerous people.
Nothing needs regulating. Trump will give us everything he wants. I mean we want. We don't need assault weapons or bumpstocks. They are un-American. They can be used against police and everyday citizens.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0991
Public comment 529. Individual. Kathleen Neefe. 7-6-18

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General Comment

no blood for profits
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0990
Public comment 530. Individual. Bill McClain. 7-6-18

Submitter Information
Name: Bill McClain

General Comment
I am against this proposal.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0989
Public comment 531. Individual. Martin Balk. 7-6-18

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General Comment

MY COUNTRY IS LOOKING MORE LIKE RUSSIA EVERY DAY.
General Comment

I am strongly opposed to changing the regulation of firearms exports from the jurisdiction of the US State Department to that of the US Commerce Department. The regulation of firearms exports should continue to be overseen and regulated by the State Department because it is an issue of national security and decisions about it should be made through the lens of safeguarding the public as opposed to through a business oriented lens.
This would be a despicable rule, considering how much gun violence is occurring in the United States every day.
I don't believe man will ever learn anything from history. Who will be here after wars and murders, trophy hunting? Only weapons and ammo. What government will be the bravest, most compassionate and stand up for life and peace. Don't be afraid to be that government. Life is not about who has the biggest, the most money, but about who cares about humanity. It's time. Past time.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns are weapons and should not be treated like other goods.
General Comment

no more thoughts and prayers. enough people have died from guns wielded by people who should not have
firearms. Until you can come up with foolproof ways for guns to be ONLY in the hands of those who are deemed
responsible to use them correctly and not kill journalists, party goers, teen agers, concert attendees, their fellow
employees and elementary school children, church-goers and people on the street, then sensible precautions such
as no bump stocks, closing the gaps on ways to automatize weapons, the size of ammunition clips and close the
gaps on who can own and buy a weapon, then my rights are violated whenever people can obtain weapons,
accessories and ammunition without problem. By the way, I am a gun owner. There are at least three guns in this
household. We do not feel are rights are lessened by sensible gun regulations. We feel our rights are violated
every time guns are used to slaughter innocent people and we must, once again, explain to our friends why we
own guns. Get it together and limit those items which have nothing to do with hunting animals but are used
exclusively to hunt and KILL human beings.
General Comment

This is ludicrous. I am opposed to this on many levels, not the least of which is it will increase gun violence. We need MORE regulations not less. I vehemently oppose this.
I strongly oppose this change. Sending arms abroad puts even more weapons in the hands of our enemies and makes all of us less safe.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0981
Public comment 539. Individual. Jim Kapralos. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose the change proposed for export licensing of fire arms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This change would compromise our national security.
This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. The greed has to checked in corporate America. This proposal will only make the world more dangerous for everyone. Our friends as well as our enemies.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Where has common sense gone in our America. Think!
General Comment

PLEASE: recognize that we have a GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC and do not enable further gun possession enablement. We have children dying by the THOUSANDS each year. Enough is #Enough.
I oppose the proposed rule change putting control of guns and ammunition under the Commerce department. There needs to be tighter control of guns.
It is not necessary to increase weapons worldwide.
This is a bad idea. Since when are firearms, especially civilian owned AR15s not part of the US Munitions list when the identical rounds and virtually identical weapons are used by our military and law enforcement? Let's just rely on the usual scare politics of the GOP and President to sell weapons. A change in the laws and management is not required. For the record I am a gun owner and think there should be more regulation not less as I know what guns do and how to use them. I would start with mandatory training certificates for anyone getting a gun like a driver's license. Then those in possession of weapons illegally owned could have them impounded, just as we impound cars that are not operated by a licensed operator and the guns can be retrieved when the owners have gotten or renewed their license.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0975
Public comment 545. Individual. Kathleen Powers. 7-6-18

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General Comment

For our safety, control of firearms does NOT belong under the Department of Commerce. The US State Department is the only department that can control firearms for our safety. The Department of Commerce will do business with the highest bidder with no regard to human life. It is there to make money, not safety.
I am against this proposed Rule to transfer the control of export licenses from the State Department to the Commerce Department.
General Comment

The society is committing suicide with its obsessive ownership of guns. If the society is to survive, it must address its gun problem. But maybe this society is irrevocably damaged, as exampled by its president.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0972
Public comment 548. Individual. Connie C. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Connie C.

General Comment

No one needs a semi-automatic weapon. Please consider making these and other high-powered assault weapons unavailable for purchase or trade.
General Comment

As though there aren't enough guns in our country already. We need to put an end to this.
we must stop the mindless unregulated sale of GUNs!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0969
Public comment 551. Individual. Guadalupe Yanez. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Guadalupe Yanez

General Comment

Damn nra, these are little insecure wannabe men, all they are little cowards that are viciously in love with damn guns! It must really be sad living by the barrels of guns. They dont value life, they guns and money.
I forcefully oppose the rule change that would swap the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The ramifications of increased firearms change can be far deeper that just selling more freely. The political consequences could be enormous!! Imagine a thousand anarchies rising that would rival the problems we saw in Somalia, such as sea piracy and many others we have not yet imagined!!! DO NOT APPROVE THE CHANGE!!!!!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0967
Public comment 553. Individual. Karyn Barry. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. These weapons always come back to kill Americans. We need fewer guns in the world.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0966
Public comment 554. Individual. Frances Schutz. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Frances Schutz

General Comment

I urge you NOT to switch oversight of the regulations on firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We should be deeply concerned that gun sales make not only our own citizens less safe, but also the citizens of those countries to which we sell the guns made in the US.
As a Mom who votes, I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is turning our plowshares into swords, and selling them globally. We don't need to unleash the greed of the US gun industry on the world. The US Commerce Department only cares about material gain, not about security.
We need fewer guns out there, not more guns.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0963
Public comment 557. Individual. Karen Kauffman. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of the export of firearms from the U.S. State Dept to the U.S. Dept of Commerce.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0962
Public comment 558. Individual. Catherine Lee. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Lee

General Comment

The last thing the U.S. needs is to make it easier for businesses to supply powerful assault weapons to the world's most unstable munitions buyers. Do not enact this legislation because it:

*Treats semi-automatic assault rifles - developed for wartime use - as non-military, despite their use by U.S. troops, their use by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts, and their prohibition for civilian possession in many countries.
*Eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.
*Transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.
*Removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.
*Reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.
*Enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to enforce export controls, even now. This exemption for a new manufacturing technology cannot be applied to weapons production, if we are to consider ourselves as Americans responsible world diplomats.
*Reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports.
*Transfers gun export licensing from an agency with mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade.

Do not re-direct us on a path to a more violent world, particularly not with taxpayer dollars.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns are a product, but a very dangerous one. They need to remain under the auspices of the U.S. State Department's regulations. Guns are more carefully monitored for export by the State Department. The Commerce Department would regard the guns as it would any other good/product and only give minimal care in following the outflow and to whom. Do not change the firearms export regulations to the U.S. Commerce Department from the U.S. State Department!

Thank you for your consideration.
Selling more guns isn't going to save any lives. Selling fewer just might.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0959
Public comment 561. Individual. Mary Vrabel. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Vrabel

General Comment

Gun sales should continue to be regulated by the State Department, not transferred to the Commerce Department. These are dangerous, deadly weapons and just because there is money to be made doesn't mean that selling them around the world should be made easier or encouraged.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0958
Public comment 562. Individual. Madeleine Beresford. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Do not open the sale of semi-automatics to other countries and export our level of gun violence around the world. More civilians killed every day as happens in this country?
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0957
Public comment 563. Individual. Mary Kennedy. 7-6-18

Submitter Information
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General Comment
We need as many boundaries as we can get on our gun laws period. Get nra out if politics.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0956
Public comment 564. Individual. Avis Ogilvy. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Please leave the management of gun export the way it is. You don't have to do EVERYTHING the gun lobby tells you to do.
General Comment

I am against moving the oversight of gun exports to the commerce department for these reasons:

1) It would end the State Departments ability to prevent high-risk transfers of arms.

2) It would compromise the United States ability to investigate and prosecute arms smugglers.

3) It would make it easier for U.S. firearms to reach terrorists, criminal organizations and corrupt and abusive foreign security forces.

4) It would erode existing global norms on firearms exports.

5) There are no public end-use reports on arms exports authorized by the Commerce Department such as those for exports authorized by the State Department. So, virtually the U. S. would be unable to identify key trafficking patterns that can help avoid risky arms transfers.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The world needs less guns. Less death and violence.
Stop the gun sales of assault weapons and bumpstocks everywhere. Do not allow the pro-massacre organization the NRA to export this terror all over the world.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0952
Public comment 568. Individual. Melanie Roth-Smith. 7-6-18

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General Comment

We have a gun violence epidemic in our country. The time has been long overdue to finally take action. I urge you to fully fund and support gun control measures and research.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0951
Public comment 569. Individual. Jan Slavid. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms being exported from the U.S. State
Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for
our national security

I believe in gun control, here and in other countries, especially control of assault weapons.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0950
Public comment 570. Anonymous. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms, Guns, Ammunition and Related Articles highly impact the safety of every person in the United States and around the world. The sale of weapons must be carefully controlled for the security of our citizens and our nation. Arming the countries that do not have strict gun control laws in place will result in truly putting guns in the hands of bad people. This change should not be made.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0949
Public comment 571. Individual. Kathryn De Muth. 7-6-18

Submitter Information
Name: Kathryn De Muth

General Comment
Guns do kill people. I hate the saying, Guns do not kill people, people kill people. The saying is ludicrous. The guns are a very effective medium to kill.
General Comment

The quickest way to poison a society and undermine all police departments, add more guns.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0947
Public comment 573. Individual. Tim Woolsey. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Tim Woolsey

General Comment

Is this really a good way to export American values around the world?
Isn't this just yet another result of powerful lobbying activities by gun manufacturers to increase sales?
What possible good can come of this other than increasing the profits of the gun industry?
Wouldn't it be better to promote American values in the form of diplomacy, educational exchanges, artistic exchanges?
We should be making it more difficult to obtain these weapons rather than easier if we are truly interested in a more peaceful world.
That is a ridiculous precedent. More guns means more mass killings. Less rules makes it easier to buy a gun, encourages the NRA, encourages more deaths in a country that leads the world on mass murders. What we really need is stronger gun control, a waiting time before buying a gun, stricter registration, etc. please do not do this.
General Comment

This is absolutely greedy and absurd. #NotmyAmerica
This proposed rule would just increase the horror of more weapons of destruction spreading around the world. Another idea to make the rich richer, without regard to the consequences for the rest of life on Earth. The system is not broken, so don't fix it.
I oppose the switch of firearm sales regulation to the Commerce Department. National security requires that the State Department retain jurisdiction. The Commerce Department is only concerned with sales and doesn't have the focus on geopolitical issues that is needed.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0942
Public comment 578. Individual. Philip Yokers. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose re-classifying these regulated weapons from where they are now: "military", under export regulation by the State Department, to the regulation by the Commerce Department. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. That means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As "military", these regulated weapons are under the regulation of the State Department, and Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:
1 It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2 It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a
3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns are not "commerce." They are weapons and should be heavily regulated.
Public comment 580. Individual. Leslie Oelsner. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Leslie Oelsner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This seems obviously to gravely threaten our national security -- it certainly gives terrorists even more chance to amass deadly firearms.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0939
Public comment 581. Individual. Ruth VLd. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth VLd

General Comment

Insane policies bring more violence. We have enough already
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0938
Public comment 582. Individual. Moira McKinnon. 7-6-18

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General Comment

The rest of the world thinks that the United States is absolutely insane to live with our out-of-control, deadly gun culture. The proposed rule aims to spread our poisonous violence to the rest of the world. I am absolutely opposed, as a mother and a teacher.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0937
Public comment 583. Individual. Kelly Henderson. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Kelly Henderson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change because it would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0936
Public comment 584. Individual. Daniel Dayton. 7-6-18

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General Comment

i strongly oppose the transfer of firearms export licenses from state to commerce, this would be against best interests of the usa
Stop the opening of new floodgates for gun sales!
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We already have enough guns that we sold to other governments and persons that are now being used against us. Wake up, make it harder not easier.
I do not understand when much of our economic and immigration and military membership is based on "national security" how broadening sales to countries and persons outside the United States preserves and protects our national security. Please explain. Natalie Pargas
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0932
Public comment 588. Individual. Sharon Baker. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Sharon Baker

General Comment

U.S. firearms exported to Mexican police have been used in massacres and forced disappearances. We need international background checks to prevent gun exports to military and private groups that use them to commit violence or collude with organized crime.

At the core of these proposed changes is the mistaken belief that firearms do not merit tighter control because they are neither high-tech nor provide unique military advantages. In reality, these are some of the weapons most often used to commit abuses and extend conflict around the world. As such they deserve our highest scrutiny, not an easier path for sale and one without Congressional oversight. The policy continues the wrong-minded approach of the Trump administration to treat weapons as any other trade commodity, threatening to undermine long-term global security and true U.S. national security interests.

"The Trump administration's decision to relax regulations on the export of firearms will make it easier for terrorists, tyrants and criminal gangs to get their hands on the same dangerous firearms that have been used in mass shootings in the United States. This is a victory for the NRA and the gun industry and a loss for everyone else. Relaxing regulations on many firearms by putting them under the jurisdiction of the Commerce Department rather than the Department of State will make it harder to track where these weapons end up, and therefore easier for them to be diverted into the wrong hands. To make matters worse, Congress would no longer even be notified of major firearms exports, making it harder to do things like limit sales to the police in the Philippines who have been involved in assassinations of their own citizens -- as Sen. Ben Cardin, who blocked such sales in the past, has noted.

O, let America be America again --
The land that never has been yet --
And yet must be -- the land where every [one] is free.
Langston Hughes, Let America Be America Again
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0931
Public comment 589. Individual. Vincent Bergan. 7-6-18

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General Comment

As a US citizen I am opposed to the new regulations which make it easier to sell high tech American made weapons overseas. It is dangerous because those weapons could easily get into the wrong hands and be used against Americans.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0929
Public comment 591. Individual. Matthew Genaze. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Matthew Genaze

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Guns are an epidemic. Guns are a daily act of terrorism. Guns are a direct threat to our democracy. These facts require direct and significant action immediately. I am only able to support legislators and the parties they are members of that support aggressive gun regulation legislation.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.
What this country needs is not easier to obtain and more widely available guns. We need to have stricter background check regulations, not just for gun stores but for on-line sales and gun shows. We need to keep assault-style weapons out of the hands of non-military, non-law enforcement people. No one needs such weapons for hunting or self-defense. I know it would be impossible to get all of these weapons off the streets but other countries have drastically reduced their prevalence by such things as buy-back programs.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0927
Public comment 593. Individual. Rachel Butler. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is yet another example of the disturbing amount of influence the NRA has on policy.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0926
Public comment 594. Individual. Frances Hugg. 7-6-18

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General Comment

The greedy NRA wants to spread our gospel of guns to places outside of the US and infect their homicidal lust
for violence, death and mayhem on other societies now? Their filthy obsession for profit knows no bounds! No--
no laws should be changed to allow their anti-Christian spread of violence over the entire earth! Isn't it bad
enough that we have our children going to schools where they are sitting ducks in the NRA shooting gallery--
must we export death now?
Submitter Information

Name: Celeste Leibowitz

General Comment

Do not facilitate the expanded proliferation of firearms by shifting control of their export to the Department of Commerce. To do so puts even more lives at risk.
Given the recent gun violence, we need stronger and increased controls not less and safety need to be a higher priority.
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**Document:** BIS-2017-0004-0923  
Public comment 597. Individual. Mary White. 7-6-18

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**Submitter Information**

**Name:** Mary White

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**General Comment**

I oppose transferring authority to regulate firearms like semi-automatic weapons from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Commerce is concerned with promoting American business of whatever kind, not in asking whether it's in our national interest for particular countries or buyers to be able to obtain such weapons.
All firearms are weapons, and should therefore be regulated by a governing body concerned with safety. To falsely label guns as regular commercial goods will put even more people's lives in jeopardy. This proposed rule change is morally and ethically wrong, and should be discarded immediately.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0921
Public comment 599. Individual. Douglas Estes. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Arms sales of all types must be reduced if humanity and civilization are to survive. I am opposed to this rule and
this blatant attempt to further enrich gun manufacturers and investors.
I oppose a rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We don't know where those firearms might end up. This increases risks to our national security.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0919
Public comment 601. Anonymous. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I am concerned that such a change will have serious implications for our national security.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0918
Public comment 602. Individual. John Cooper. 7-6-18

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General Comment

There is NO excuse, repeat NO EXCUSE, for selling weapons of mass assassination to civilians.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0917
Public comment 603. Individual. Samantha Blanchard. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Samantha Blanchard

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I believe such an action would make us less safe, and less secure.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0916
Public comment 604. Anonymous. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Keep the oversight of commercial firearm exports with the U.S. Department of State.

Transferring responsibility for reviewing licenses to export certain types of weapons including assault-style rifles and pistols and armor-piercing sniper rifles away from the State Department would make it easier for U.S. firearms and related ammunition to reach terrorists, criminal organizations and corrupt and abusive foreign security forces.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0915
Public comment 605. Individual. Arlene Renshaw. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department as the change could pose serious threats to national security.
Shame on anyone that has the power to do something about the gun selling and manufacturing but doesn't. There are too many people killed by gun violence.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0913
Public comment 607. Individual. Karen D Amato. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Karen D'Amato

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This amounts to a move from guns for national security to guns as international business. Guns should only be used by armed forces during a direct attack and should only be sold for the purpose of protecting our nation. Individuals are less safe because of the people's right to bear arms. American gun manufacturers should stop selling guns to our citizens and to other countries for their profit alone. People should come before profits. And war needs to stop being a business venture.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0912
Public comment 608. Individual. Kathyrn Davidson. 7-6-18

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General Comment

This action Eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals. Very bad idea.
It Transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers. Bad idea for taxpayers.
This Removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking. Bery stupid idea.
It also Reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating regulation. Dumb move.
This is crazy! Guns are ubiquitous in our society and there are way too many homicides and suicides as a result. Please vote against this measure.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I oppose this change that would switch regulations of firearms export from U.S. State Dept. to the U.S. Commerce Dept. Please keep our country and our children safe with common sense about what what's really important and what real human rights are worth fighting for - "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" does not coincide with worries for safety from increased national and international gun sales.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0909
Public comment 611. Individual. Tom Sharkey. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I strongly oppose this export rule change from the Department of State to the Dept. of Commerce. This move on the part of Trump is a glaring example of his unwholesome intentions regarding an already extremist gun culture in the US. I have always thought that Trump will eventually mobilize his base to begin his American style pogrom to facilitate nationwide terror and a state of authoritarian tyranny.

Not only does this sinister change in the status of munitions under the United States Munitions List deeply concern me but also the reality that there are already far too many guns in the hands of those who should not have them especially given the huge numbers of suicide by firearms on a yearly basis and the almost daily mass shootings occurring everywhere in the US.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0908
Public comment 612. Individual. Cristin Jones. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Cristin Jones

General Comment

Making more guns more readily available is not a solution to Americas gun epidemic. We need real change and innovative thinking to help.
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Public comment 613. Individual. Donna Shuey. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Donna Shuey

General Comment

I generally oppose regs that would make it easier to export guns from the US so I oppose any changes to current rules and regs. Ex, Congress no longer being notified about large weapons sales is not acceptable. The changes would present fewer obstacles for crime organizations to purchase large caches of weapons. Removing liscensing requirements is also a problem in my opinion.

None of the rule changes are acceptable and I urge you to oppose them.

Thank you
What the World needs now is fewer guns !! Stop the Spread !!
I believe gun ownership needs warranted control in the United States. This is not the wild west and how many guns does one person need. We are killing our population and innocent citizens. Everyone talks about the mentally ill and guns. Everyone is sane until they are insane. Sane people buy the guns and then some event in their life happens and makes them insane and they have guns and decide to go do a shoot up of innocent people. A sane person with a gun does not make it any safer. I implore you to seriously think about and continue to control firearms, guns, ammunition and related articles under the United States Munitions List.
We need MAJOR increases in gun control!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0903
Public comment 617. Individual. Lesley Hunt. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would move the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The sale of guns to businesses or governments in other countries is the proper concern of the State Department because it is a national security issue. The Commerce Department is going to look at it from a business point of view. Profit is not everything. I do not want US arms companies to sell weapons of any sort to governments or groups that are unfriendly to us.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0902
Public comment 618. Individual. Linda Mansfield. 7-6-18

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General Comment

We need gun control. Universal back ground checks, ban assault weapons & bump stocks, ban guns for people with mental illness, on the no fly list, domestic violence, ban guns sold at a gun show or over the internet without a back ground check.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0901
Public comment 619. Individual. Carmen Nichols. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Carmen Nichols

General Comment

Guns are dangerous and we all know that in the wrong hands many can die. Stricter gun laws need to be implemented and utilized to keep people safe.

Guns are not safe unless the owners keep them under lock and key. They should never be left out so anyone can get their hands on them to use them for killing.

Lives are so important and guns themselves don't kill, if they are in the wrong hands they can kill anyone and everyone that comes into their view.

The American people want to feel safe and secure. The children are scared to go to school for fear they will never come home to be with their families again.

It's time to make laws that keep American's safe and feel secure where ever they go, and what ever they do, including the children.

It's time NOW to come together and make life safer and more secure for the American people. Tougher laws are the way to go and what needs to be done.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0900
Public comment 620. Individual. David Kagan. 7-6-18

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General Comment

How could any caring human being NOT be in favor of greater controls over guns after all the horrible gun-shootings of the past few years?
As a concerned citizen, I oppose the NRA's push to move export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe this transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military", which allows Congress to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. In addition, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Finally, this rule change would eliminate some very important State Department programs, including; the State Departments Blue Lantern program, the licensing program for brokers, and the block on 3D printing of firearms. The bottom line is that firearms are extremely dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0898
Public comment 622. Individual. Derek Benedict. 7-6-18

Submitter Information

Name: Derek Benedict

General Comment

We don't need ordinary citizens to be armed with assault weapons and bumpstocks. I'm a supporter of the 2nd Amendment's right of a "well regulated militia", but firearms in the hands of irresponsible people is not what our forefathers intended.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Exporting items intended to kill human beings to other countries requires the oversight of the Department charged with understanding other nations and cultures, not the Department charged with selling whatever the market will bear. Arming foreign people without understanding the consequences to them and us is an appallingly poor policy.
I believe this to be not only unethical and immoral but outrageous and obscene!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0895
Public comment 625. Individual. Patricia Long. 7-6-18

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General Comment

Let's do things right this time around!
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe it will result in the unnecessary marketing of firearms by the US govt. There are already too many firearms in the world as it is. I dont believe the firearm industry needs any support from the US govt to market firearms especially in light of the fact that this industry has been instrumental in blocking any legislation to protect US citizens from the misuse of firearms for violenc.
The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

We VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE the NRA's UNETHICAL and UNCONSCIONABLE rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. To make MONEY from profiting off the military-style weaponry that has KILLED so many innocent MEN, WOMEN, and CHILDREN already in this country and exporting this VIOLENT and MASS-MURDERING MEANS OF DEATH and DESTRUCTION ABROAD is BEYOND SENSIBLE! ENOUGH of this MAYHEM and CHAOS of GUNS!
Submitter Information

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General Comment

Please do not put the sale of guns in an easy access situation with no oversight and regulation. I am very concerned that unregulated sales are going to kill more people than ever, especially in the U.S., where gun violence is very high. As a grandmother, I can tell you that our grandchildren don't feel safe in school. Don't let the NRA become even more powerful. They only care about power and money, not our rights to be safe.
More than ever we NEED control of firearms, guns and ammunition. The growing gun violence in our country is unconscionable, and our US government must take responsibility for controlling it. Do NOT TAKE THOSE ITEMS OFF THE US MUNITIONS LIST.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0890
Public comment 630. Individual. Sam Tamoglia. 7-6-18

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General Comment

We don't need to repeal the second amendment but the mass shootings happen to frequently.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0889
Public comment 631. Individual. Doug Randolph. 7-6-18

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General Comment

I absolutely oppose a rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. That would be an absurd and dangerous thing to do to promote more firearms worldwide.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Safety is so much more important than corporate greed.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, and damage every U.S. citizen's security abroad as well as put our own national security at risk.
General Comment

Any increase in gun sales means the end of our nation. NO on guns, period
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0885
Public comment 635. Individual. Anne Bucher. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

Keep guns off the street! it is making our country unsafe!!!
Weapons and weapons of war are not commerce items, but items used expressly for injuring and killing. As such they do not belong under the jurisdiction of the commerce department. Just because the NRA and gun lobby want something doesn't mean they should have it.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0883
Public comment 637. Individual. Carol Fabitz. 7-7-18

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General Comment

I see this action as more money for the Republican coffers. The United States is ruined do ruin the rest of the world.
You people make my skin crawl.
The U.S. State Department must retain this authority. Gun violence is rampant enough in this country. An unwise move like this one is exactly what the NRA wants. Do not shift this responsibility to the U.S. Commerce Department.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0881
Public comment 639. Individual. David Dougherty. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: David Dougherty

General Comment

We need more guns on the streets & in the hands of the mentally ill like we need terminal stage 4 cancer
Nothing good ever comes from constant gunplay.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0879
Public comment 641. Individual. Karen Ives. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Ives

General Comment

There is a reason - both national security AND protection of our troops abroad - for having control of exporting
arms in the State Department. Having in the Commerce allows business interests to rule. The last thing we need
is U.S. manufactured arms used against Americans and our allies. Use your common sense - not greed!
Transferring the regulation of overseas firearms sales to the Commerce Department would seriously undermine US security. I oppose this regulatory change.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0877
Public comment 643. Individual. Kyra Humphrey. 7-7-18

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General Comment

This rule change moves the handling of firearms away from an institution which exists to safeguard our nation into the hands of one whose purpose is to promote American business. It poses a serious threat to national and personal security: the Dept. Of Commerce is woefully inappropriate for serving in this capacity.
The selling and buying of automatic and semiautomatic weapons should not be a business but should be controlled. How can we let this become a common business while distributing these weapons world wide. We already have a huge problem of control of these weapons in the United States. All we need to do is look at all the shootings in this year alone to see that there is no need for military type weapons sold to whoever wants one. Why spread such pain to other countries? Please, no more easy to obtain tactical weapons. Thank You.
We need common-sense gun regulations, not a flood of new gun sales.
I object to this change as it emphasizes gun sales as solely business related as opposed to taking a more responsible position by keeping the sale of firearms controlled for both moral and security concerns. Do not approve this change.
Evidence exists that guns are in the hands of the wrong people. The mass shootings that have happened in the last years is indicative of problems with control of guns, and particularly assault weapons. The need for these weapons is very limited and nearly never called for. These weapons create problems rather than addressing them or solving them.
We Need STRONGER Gun Control!! Too many people are being Killed every day by Guns!! This has to STOP!!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0871
Public comment 649. Individual. Ronald Lynn White. 7-7-18

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General Comment

Please make sure that the proposed rule change DOES NOT:
Treat semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, despite their use by U.S. troops, their use by state and non-
state groups in armed conflicts, and their prohibition for civilian possession in many countries.
Eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.
Transfer the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.
Remove statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.
Reduce or eliminate end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, or eliminates registration of
firearms exporters.
Enable unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of
firearms.
Give the Commerce Department the responsibility to enforce export controls over semi-automatic assault rifles.
Reduce transparency and reporting on gun exports.
Transfer gun export licensing from an agency with mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human
rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0870
Public comment 650. Individual. Lynne Eggers. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Lynne Eggers

General Comment

I oppose this rule change - Control of Firearms, Guns, Ammunition and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML). This change is very unwise in terms of our country's security. It's bad enough that we have so many semiautomatic assault weapons in our country - now we're going to export this problem to other countries? Keep the control in the hands of the U.S. State Department. Isn't security more important than gun sales???
There is no reason to allow gun sales throughout the world. Allowing weapons whose sole purpose is to kill humans to be sent through out the world would further destabilized an unstable world.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0868
Public comment 652. Individual. Deborah Parker. 7-7-18

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General Comment

I strongly oppose this dangerous proposed rule change, that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Exporting weapons is absolutely a matter of foreign affairs, and national security, rather than a business matter!
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Public comment 653. Individual. Kathy Smith. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Smith

General Comment

Regulation of firearm exports should remain with the State dept. I oppose the rule to move this oversight to the commerce dept.
We must not relax gun control laws any further. Our regulations on firearms are already much too weak, allowing men who should not have access to firearms to purchase them easily to kill their domestic partners or slaughter strangers in public places. Enough!
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Public comment 655. Individual. Ellis Woodward. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Ellis Woodward

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department - A land-grab in the name of profit, the rule change would do nothing to improve public safety and would only serve those who are selling firearms in as brazen and unregulated a manner as possible...
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It's simply common sense that if a person wants to own a gun, they MUST take gun safety lessons, and they must take shooting classes. The ONLY place that should be ALLOWED to SELL guns, is a gun dealers. NO MORE STOPPING BY AT A GUN SHOW & WALKING OUT WITH A GUN! It's NOT normal!! I am not trying to take away anyone's 2A right. But this random & casual we treat guns MUST STOP!

Do you know that Mexico has only ONE gun shop! ONE!! The US is smuggling guns into Mexico.
We desperately need stricter gun control laws. At the very least we need a ban on bump stocks to ensure safety for all Americans.
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**Document:** BIS-2017-0004-0862
Public comment 658. Individual. Leah Elkins. 7-7-18

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**Submitter Information**

**Name:** Leah Elkins

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**General Comment**

This new rule would loosen regulations over gun exports, potentially increasing the risk that dangerous weapons may end up in the hands of international terrorists and criminals. The proposed rule would dramatically change the regulatory structure for firearm exports. The proposed rule is complex and appears to be largely driven by the interests of the gun industry. I am appalled at this administrations capitulation to the gun lobby which is now turning to the international market as gun sales decline in the US. I am concerned that the proposed rule does not adequately address our national security, foreign policy, international crime and terrorist threats. Congress and the public must be able to understand the impact of these rules on potential firearm exports. The proposed rule fails to recognize the inherently military nature of many of the relevant firearms. Rather than moving forward with the proposed rule, the Administration should consider other alternatives to better balance the important interests at stake.
General Comment

Control of firearms and munitions need to continue to be controlled to limit the access of weapons to those elements who would use them for nefarous purposes. Also, the proliferation of weapons leads to more violence and death.
We already have enough guns on the street and in people's bedrooms! Stop the river of death
I oppose this regulation change. The only parties who stand to benefit are arms manufacturers. Meanwhile, the lax enforcement capabilities of the Department of Commerce will make it easier for US made arms to find their way into the hands of people who would use them against us.
I oppose this regulation change. The only parties who stand to benefit are arms manufacturers. Meanwhile, the lax enforcement capabilities of the Department of Commerce will make it easier for US made arms to find their way into the hands of people who would use them against us.
I oppose the proposed change of export licences from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This transfer includes assault weapons and other powerful firearms and will make it easier to export U.S. guns and ammunition globally. These exported firearms are already being used in crimes, attacks and human rights violations in many other nations.

A change to the Commerce Department will increase the number of export applicants by 10,000 annually, according to the Dept. of Commerce estimates. This change will only benefit the arms business, and cause many more deaths and destruction worldwide.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0857
Public comment 663. Individual. William Schoene. 7-7-18

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. What is the purpose of making this change -- the export of many more firearms, including weapons of mass murder? Isn't it enough that America is drenched in privately-owned guns -- including assault rifles -- and suffers from the highest rates of gun violence and gun deaths in the world -- by a mile? We want to infect the rest of the world with our unique kind of insanity? Well I say "NO we do not!"
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Public comment 664. Individual. M. Virginia Leslie. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: M. Virginia Leslie

General Comment

We really, really don't need to add to the supply of arms that are readily available to individuals around the world that mean harm to others, including Americans. Control of Firearms, Guns, Ammunition and Related Articles should stay right where it is.
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Public comment 665. Individual. Robert Hall. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Hall

General Comment

When is the federal government not going to be an instrument of manufacturers of implements for killing humans? Our country afflicted by the insane notion that the more people having guns the better. I am completely AGAINST our country exporting this madness of free-for-all selling of guns. Do NOT change the supervision of selling arms abroad from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept.
General Comment

Export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms should be overseen by the State Department, as this is an issue that affects national security.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0853
Public comment 667. Individual. J.T. Smith. 7-7-18

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General Comment

The sole purpose of a gun is to maim and/or kill at a distance quickly and efficiently. Any argument of what physically does the killing demonstrates a distinct mental disconnect. As such treating what amounts to murder and attempted murder, regardless of the excuse, as a business model is immoral and foolhardy in the extreme. I strongly oppose any rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.
Guns are NOT making America SAFE.
Guns kill people. Hand guns and assault rifles have no purpose other than to kill people. In most states one can not even purchase fire crackers. Why? Because they are dangerous. Guns are dangerous. Stop the sale of these killing machines.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0850
Public comment 670. Individual. Ursula Anonymous. 7-7-18

Submitter Information
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General Comment
I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It is a horrible idea to export guns to other countries which will definitely come back to haunt us in form of terrorism.
I am opposed to the rule change that would change the regulations of firearms export from the US State Dept. to the Commerce Dept. The State Dept focuses on safeguarding the nation, selling arms abroad has a huge impact on national security. The violence in Central America is fueled by arms from the US, leading to the flood of refugees on our southern border. The Commerce Dept. only answers to big business, they do not care enough about nation security.
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Public comment 672. Moms Rising For Gun Safety. Kevin O Donnell. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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Organization: Moms Rising For Gun Safety

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would only increase the possibility of yet more international terrorism.
I oppose moving the authority to regulate the export of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department.
General Comment

I don't want to see the Commerce Dept. take over regulating arms exports from the State Dept.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0845
Public comment 675. Individual. Angie Anonymous. 7.7.18

Submitter Information

Name: Angie Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change which would change the regulation of firearms exportation from the State Dept to the Commerce Dept.
This would be a BAD decision and a move in the wrong direction. There is no reason to promote assault weapons for sale to the general public. Too many shootings!!!! Its time to limit NRAs power and move toward a safe and peaceful environment.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0843
Public comment 677. Individual. Pam Wallace. 7-7-18

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General Comment

It's time for some adults and common sense! I do not support the NRA or Dana Loesch(?) Second amendment aside, remember Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness? LIFE IS FIRST!
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Name: Valerie Ritter

General Comment

I staunchly oppose this proposed rule that guns and ammunition would be under the commerce dept and not the USML. We need to control firearms sale- not promote it. Taxpayers, the US govt. is not working for the NRA. We need to make a better world, not enrich the gun manufacturers & feed the ever growing violence in the world....Be responsible. Have a conscience. Don't gut the world's stability for your profit- all those govt lackeys of the gun manufacturers.
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Comment On: BIS-2017-0004-0001
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0841
Public comment 679. Individual. Anonymous. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Guns and their distribution do need regulation in order to promote the general welfare. Helping the gun industry profit from the distribution of death dealing instruments is not the aim of all of this. Strengthen, don't weaken, our already overly liberal gun rules.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0840
Public comment 680. Individual. Florence Nislow. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Florence Nislow

General Comment

This move to commerce would increase gun sales; especially assault weapons. Stand with our children and their futures. Say No!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0839
Public comment 681. Individual. Andrea Rogers. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Andrea Rogers

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would transfer regulation of firearms export from the State Department to the Commerce Department. By making weapons more readily available worldwide, this rule change would put Americans, and people everywhere, at greater risk of violence. The US government should do all within its power to reduce the availability of guns everywhere. This is in our national security interest.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0838
Public comment 682. Anonymous. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Guns and ammunitions should not be sold without checks on those using them, especially should not be sold internationally without government approval, as more weapons means more violence.
General Comment

We need more gun control, not less!!
I oppose changing the export regulation of US firearms from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department!
The greed of the gun industry, the NRA, and all legislators and agencies who enable them is literally killing Americans. NO Amendment was ever intended to have this result. Stop choosing money over life! No rule that removes guns or accessories from any control list - ALL firearms, guns, and ammo warrant control under Federal lists and regulations.
Submitter Information

Name: Shannon Maaske

General Comment

I oppose the rule change. The Department of Commerce should not be in charge of gun sales and regulations.
I was raised around guns. Hunting weapons, not weapons of mass destruction! Nobody needs to own assault rifles and the like! Nobody in my family ever killed another human. Let's get the common sense laws passed to do thorough background checks on people who want to buy guns. People can be dangerous!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0832
Public comment 688. Individual. Brian de Castro. 7-7-18

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General Comment

With the never-ending rash of gun violence in America, like no other country on the planet, the last thing we need is more guns. This is not a mental health issue - other countries have the same percentages of people with mental health concerns but they don't have the gun violence because they don't have the guns. Guns ARE the problem. The NRA wants more guns on the streets and in the hands of everybody because it means more money for them, plain and simple. They promote the proliferation of guns which results in more gun violence. And they're at the point where they are releasing dangerous videos that are meant to incite violence. The NRA has become a terrorist group and needs to be reigned in. If declared a terrorist organization, all of its members could then be banned from owning guns, which would either get rid of a LOT of guns, or else, force members to quit the NRA, effectively shutting them down. It's a win-win. Yes, this is probably nothing but a dream, but so is living in a country where kids don't have to fear being shot going to school or a concert or a movie or church.

Thank you for letting me express my concerns over an issue that must be dealt with besides offering thoughts and prayers. The time to do something, everything, is now.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0831
Public comment 689. Anonymous. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

State Department jurisdiction over all firearms is crucial for national security! Get real!! Commerce#!? Do you want more unwarranted shooting !!! Do you think school shootings are a joke#!? NOT FUNNY!!!
I am all for promoting American businesses and products worldwide. However, I am opposed to efforts to make it easier to export American firearms to foreign countries. American-made weapons are already fueling violence in Mexico and Central America. The more guns we send to our neighbors on our southern border, the more refugees and asylum-seekers will come into our country. America's gun-related crime problem is not something we should be promoting to other countries.
ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE MEANT TO PUT BULLETS INTO YOUR BODY AND MURDER YOU. AND ME. THERE IS NO PLACE ON THIS PLANET FOR SUCH WEAPONS. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM USING A RIFLE TO HUNT PHEASANTS.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT WAS NOT PUT IN PLACE SO THAT PERSONS CAN HAVE A LETHAL WEAPON IN THEIR HOME. SUCH WEAPONS HAVE ONE MAIN APPLICATION: TO HARM THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE HOME! THEY ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE USED AGAINST THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THEM AND HAVE THEM IN THEIR HOME THAN AGAINST AN INTRUDER.

A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO DEAL WITH INTRUDERS IS THROUGH NONVIOLENT MEANS. IN FACT, NONVIOLENT MEANS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION IS THE CIVILIZED WAY OF DEALING WITH CONFLICT, RATHER THAN THE USE OF FORCE. LET THOSE COMPANIES THAT SPECIALIZE IN SALE OF GUNS, SWITCH TO NONVIOLENT MEANS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION. IT IS WAY PAST THE TIME FOR US AS CIVILIZED HUMANS TO SOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES BY DECIDING WHO IS STRONGER. RATHER THAN
CHILDREN ARE DYING, PLEASE STOP THE MADNESS!
I vehemently oppose this rule change. I do not want my government to switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The current system of regulation is working effectively and should not be altered. Thank you.
This proposed rule would make our nation and our citizens traveling abroad less safe. We need to put national security above gun manufacturer profits.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0825
Public comment 695. Anonymous. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Stop the opening of new floodgates for gun sales!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0824
Public comment 696. Individual. Dorothy Hatch. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Dorothy Hatch

General Comment

I oppose shifting responsibility for gun sales to foreign countries from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce.
General Comment

We have too many guns in this country, and access to them is just too easy. The United States is the only country that has a problem of rampant and all-too-regular gun violence. This has to stop.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0822
Public comment 698. Individual. Mark Miser. 7-7-18

Submitter Information
Name: Mark Miser

General Comment
I think this is a dangerous and very unwise action and I am very much opposed to it!
I oppose this action.
Public safety demands that the government monitor and control all firearms sales. The US has the highest firearms crime rate the world. Less control will only lead to more gun violence, as the statistics demonstrate.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0819
Public comment 701. Individual. Andy Winger. 7-7-18

Submitter Information
Name: Andy Winger

General Comment
The price is too high ... in lives destroyed. The arms industry relies on our government to pass legislation that helps them and hurts the rest of us. Modern governments should have the people's best interests in mind. That's what our founding father's risked their lives for.
A major issue with guns is prevalent in today's America due to the complete and total laxity of gun weaponry control. Weaponry available to the military should not now and should have never been made available to the general public or to public servants such as police officers. Mass killing of United States citizens is not only out of control but is due to gun control laxity. We need more gun control, not less.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0817
Public comment 703. Individual. James Richardson. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: James Richardson

General Comment

I disagree with the President. Firearms, guns and munitions need strict controls.
I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Regulation of firearms export should be kept with the State Department, as it involves issues far beyond, and far more important nationally, than simple commercial transaction.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0815
Public comment 705. Individual. Elliot Safdie. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Elliot Safdie

General Comment

We need background checks for all. It is insane to have someone on the no fly watch list able to go out and by guns legally. Stop the gun show loopholes as well.
I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Transferring the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0813
Public comment 707. Individual. Darrell House. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

Assault weapons have no place in society only the military should have assault weapons!
Public Comment 708. Individual. Margaret Baum. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

I strongly oppose this ruling to change control of gun sales to the Commerce Department which would reduce export controls. Guns are weapons and their control belongs under ITAR. Making the world an even more dangerous place in the name of corporate profits is irresponsible governance.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0811
Public comment 709. Anonymous. 7-7-18

Submitter Information
Name: Anonymous

General Comment
Dont change the rule. Lets not arm the world.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0810
Public comment 710. Individual. Joan Kranz. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. stateDepartment to the U.S. Commerce Department.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0809
Public comment 711. Individual. Teresa Rex. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Teresa Rex

General Comment

The only thing the NRA cares about is money. That is it! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.
General Comment

I join all those Americans who ask you to reject this proposed rule. This proposal would make it easier to export U.S. guns and ammunition globally, even though U.S.-exported firearms are already used in many crimes, attacks and human rights violations in many other nations.

There are many problems with this proposal, including it:
- Treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, despite their use by U.S. troops, their use by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts, and their prohibition for civilian possession in many countries.
- Eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.
- Transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.
- Removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.
- Reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.
- Enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms.
- The Commerce Department does not have the resources to enforce export controls, even now.
- Reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports.
- Transfers gun export licensing from an agency with mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade.
PLEASE REJECT THIS PROPOSAL!
Public Comment 713. Individual. Gavi Stevens. 7-7-18

Allowing the Commerce Department to control the sales of assault weapons and weapons in general to overseas customers is a recipe for disaster. They are not setup for the proper vetting of those customers to insure that they are not acting as middlemen for terrorists or other subversive entities that will use them against our troops or our allies or, even worse, civilian populations. That scenario is so likely as to be a virtual certainty, That puts the United Stated in the position of supporting international terrorism just like those hatred Islam states we love to bash.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0806
Public comment 714. Individual. Vivien Smith. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Vivien Smith

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulation of gun sales from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. Such a move would clearly come back to bite us.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0805
Public comment 715. Individual. Landra White. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Landra White

General Comment

Changing the control of exported weapons to the department of commerce will decrease the safety of civilians all over the globe. Already the import of drugs is paid for by the export of weapons, leading to the violence in Mexico and Central America, and contributing to the number of recent refugees seeking asylum!
Only cowards resort to guns.
The Commerce Department does not have the resources adequately to enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Firearm exports should continue to be regulated by the State Department. There is a compelling reason they are, and have long been, regulated by State.
The State Department should retain control of the regulation of firearms. Firearms are classified as "military" for good reason, they are not "normal" goods. They are in need of much more regulation, and that regulation should remain with the State Department, not be moved to the Department of Commerce.
We certainly don't need to support any plans for the worldwide spread of the embarrassing level of carnage that is the result of the availability of weapons of war to virtually anyone who has the money to buy them in the United States. The American obsession with the Second Amendment is the result of the Republican's use of it as a ploy to get votes and to drive a wedge between their base and those who support sensible controls on who can purchase weapons and on the kinds of weapons that should be available for sale to the average person. It is also a cover for the weapons industry to reap huge profits from the sale of products whose only purpose is to cause the death of fellow humans while using the Constitution as a distraction.

A careful reading of the Second Amendment proves that it was never intended to allow for unrestricted access to any type of weapons that might become available. It has been deliberately misconstrued to suit the purpose of the Republican Party and for use as a marketing tool with which the weapons manufacturers could increase sales and reap huge profits. The weapons industry no longer depends only on sales to the military and on wars to generate profits. One needs only to look at the correlation between increased weapons sales and the mere mention of any kind of gun control legislation to observe this mis-use of the Second Amendment. America quite simply shouldn't be responsible for the increased loss of lives on a worldwide level just to satisfy the greed of those who would profit from unrestricted weapons sales. This nation already has enough blood on its hands, blood that was needlessly shed as a result of profit generating schemes like this. It is time to stop inflicting our brand of 'capitalism' on the people of this planet; we have become the problem.
The last thing we need to do is to help raise money for more gun sales. The gun industry is a negative force in our country, all for the sake of their bottom line. Too bad.
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The safety of our nation is best served with U.S. State Department governing the firearms export regulations.

sincerely, Jim Hemmingsen
I am a parent, educator, retiree and my wife and I oppose the proposed rule for the following reasons:
The proposed rule treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military. But many groups in importing countries use semi-automatic rifles in armed conflicts, causing enormous damage. U.S. troops use rifles in semi-automatic mode an overwhelming amount of the time. Regarding wide retail availability of firearms, about which comment has been requested, many countries prohibit civilian possession of semi-automatic rifles and handguns, as well as of any larger caliber firearm. Six U.S. states, DC, and several large retail chains also prohibit retail sale of semi-automatic assault rifles.

The proposed rule would eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals. Congress will no longer be automatically informed about sizable sales of these weapons. That will limit its ability to comment on related human rights concerns, as it recently did on the Philippines and Turkey. Congressional action in 2002 required sales of firearms regulated by the US Munitions List valued at $1 million or more be notified to Congress. Items moved to Commerce control would no longer be subject to such notification. Senators have explicitly noted that this move would violate Congressional intent and effectively eliminate Congress proper role.

The new rules would transfer the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers. Registration fees that since the 1940s have been used to offset the costs to the government of tracking who is manufacturing weapons would no longer apply to manufacturers of semi-automatic weapons, and Commerce does not charge any fee for licensing. Taxpayers will absorb the cost of reviewing applications and processing licenses.

National laws for brokers and financiers who arrange firearm shipments are a weak link in the chain of efforts to curtail trafficking of small arms and light weapons. Although Commerce states it will retain rules on brokering for a State Department list that includes assault rifles, there is no statutory basis for brokers to register and obtain a license, increasing the risk of trafficking. That will make it easier for unscrupulous dealers to escape attention.
The rule reduces controls for gun exports. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program for gun and ammunition exports, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It also would move license approval out of the department that compiles the U.S. Governments information on human rights violations, reducing the ability to effectively deny weapons licenses to international human rights violators.

The rule enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for 3D-printing weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The Commerce Department is unlikely to make the same argument once those weapons are transferred to their control.

The Commerce Department does not have resources to enforce export controls, even before the addition of 10,000 firearms export license applicants as a result of this rule predicted by Commerce. The BISs enforcement office, with no staff in Latin America, Africa, or many other parts of the world, is not equipped to take the same level of preventive measures for end-use controls.

The proposed change will reduce transparency and reporting on gun exports. The rule would eliminate Congressional and public awareness of the total amount (dollar value and items) of firearms sales authorizations and deliveries around the world, since the Commerce Department annual reports currently only cover about 20 countries.

This rule would transfer gun export licensing to the Commerce Department whose principle mission is to promote trade. Firearms, both assault weapons and non-semi-automatic weapons, are uniquely and pervasively used in criminal violence around the world. Controlling their export should be handled by the State Department, which is mandated and structured to address the potential impacts in importing nations on stability, human security, conflict, and human rights.

Firearms are used to kill a thousand people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. Research indicates that the types of weapons being transferred to Commerce control, including AR-15, AK-47, and other military-style assault rifles and their ammunition, are weapons of choice for criminal organizations in Mexico and other Latin American countries that are responsible for most of the increasing and record levels of homicides in those countries.

Thank you
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0797
Public comment 723. Anonymous. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

SANE GUN REFORM NOW. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE
Firearms of all kinds need more control, not less. Echoing Gary Patton, "the change in regulations controlling the distribution of firearms overseas is a transparent and cynical effort to boost gun sales during a down market. Making a profit based on the spilling of blood of others is truly immoral and despicable."
I respectfully request that this proposed rule change be defeated. Among the reasons are that it

1. Treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, despite their use by U.S. troops, their use by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts, and their prohibition for civilian possession in many countries.
2. Eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.
3. Transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.
4. Removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.
5. Reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.
6. Enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms.
7. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to enforce export controls, even now.
8. Reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports.
9. Transfers gun export licensing from an agency with mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade.

Points 1 and 9 above are especially compelling. We definitely should not export our gun violence problems to the rest of the world.
This is a bad idea because the U.S. State Department needs to be able to keep track of weapons being exported with the amount of ammunition and things like bump stocks so they do not come back to harm Americans in the future in the U.S. and abroad. This is another sign that this administration only cares about corporations and not the well being of Americans.

"It is putting the fox in charge of the hen house!"
Weapons are for defense or offense. Making them simply another item of trade denies their deadly potential. If we sell automatic and semiautomatic weapons to the world, those weapons will be used to kill Americans. Let's not arm our enemies.
you all are not caring about who gets hurt or killed from these assholes that get a hold of any kind of firearms. there needs to be a big limitation on who and get guns and ammo. there's way 2 many people that abuse and use their hatred over others and they get what ever they want and that's unacceptable. the only people I really think that needs any kind of guns is our armed forces and police depts. that's all, but I know there's a lot of people that go out hunting animals for food. there needs to b a lot of limitiations on getting things besides just a background checks like a polygraph test to ask questions of why they want a gun in the 1st place. if theres anything that comes back on background check they get nothing. if the polygraph test comes back that something isn't right then nothing, etc. they should have 2 pass a lot of things before they get anything at all.
I am writing to ask that you not approve the rule change that would switch the regulation of gun exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. In this era of global tension and terrorism, it makes no sense to increase opportunities for other countries to have access to the weapons that could be used to terrorize people around the world.

Thank you for your consideration.
**General Comment**

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You are weaponizing the world for no good reason other than to make a few gun manufacturers richer, these weapons will come back to murder many citizens of this country and others.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0789
Public comment 731. Individual. Nora Roman. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Nora Roman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to
the U.S. Commerce Department.

Selling arms so that governments around the world can kill their people and each other is just not good business,
it's evil and disgusting and anything that puts a limit on it is good....highly unlikely that the commerce
department, who's only business is profit will care at all....

Down with this evil military industrial prison complex you call your government.
Who in their right mind would agree to sell weapons & spread violence that could target innocent people & Americans? This is one of the craziest schemes to come out of this Administration, & it should never be considered, but since it is, let's just say no to the spread of violence & start working on spreading peace & fundamental liberties.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0787
Public comment 733. Individual. Harold Johnsen. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Harold Johnsen

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns EVERYWHERE, and not just here in the United States, but around the world. The NRA scumbags are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semi-automatic ASSAULT weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This CORRUPT transfer of authority WILL open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious NEGATIVE and DANGEROUS implications for our national security.

I vehemently OPPOSE this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Especially at a time when there are TRAITORS in the White House!
General Comment

Whether we can successfully repel rebels armed with these weapons is not the only issue. We need to consider what they do to areas where the weapons are sold. Numerous countries have been devastated by the abundance of weapons that inevitably fall into the wrong hands. And both here and in Europe, countries that have remained stable are overwhelmed by refugees understandably fleeing the violence. There is also the factor that when people around the world learn that the weapons that caused all this misery were U.S. made, they understandably hate us.
I oppose the move of ITAR from DOS to DOC. We cannot control the use of these guns by our own homegrown terrorists, especially the ones used by our military or designed for them like the AR-15. We need to get our house in order. Contrary to what the President thinks, the United States does not need to be like Russia. This appeases his gun lobby & benefits Mr. Trump politically, but that is just a small fraction of the population & it has no consequential benefits for this country. Those arms could be a detriment in another country if sold to the wrong hands. Mr. Trump wouldn't have to come up with schemes like this if he actually understood International Trade & didn't alienate our closest allies, like Canada who we had a trade deficit with before another one of his bright ideas. These arms won't make up for millions of dollars. I'm praying that someone in this government has control in this case, uses common sense & acts responsibly.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0784
Public comment 736. Individual. Anonymous Nesheim. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is a terrible idea that will effect, not only the USA, but the entire world NEGATIVELY!
As a former member of the NC Medical Examiners Office, I firmly oppose any change of ammunitions and gun sales from the State Department to the Commerce Department. I believe in restricting gun sales to make the world a safer place for our children.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0782
Public comment 738. Individual. James Blair. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

NRA should be NWA. W as in weapon.
Submitter Information

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General Comment

Do not change responsibility for regulating sales of non-military weapons and ammunition to foreign actors from State Dept to Commerce Dept. This will not even save money in the short term based on information provided despite claiming so. Let the State Dept do their job of ensuring weapons are not sold to the wrong people.
I am opposed to moving government oversight on international gun sales and licensing to the Commerce department. National security as overseen by the State department is the appropriate place to safeguard and value the public's interest over the lobbying efforts of the gun industry. It would be a massive error and a dereliction of duty to shift the government's interest from national security to the promotion of gun sales abroad.
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Comment On: BIS-2017-0004-0001
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0779
Public comment 741. Individual. Barb Travis. 7-7-18

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General Comment

I am against this transfer of control of military weapons from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This will result in the US arming the rest of the world including terrorists.
General Comment

The thing NOT to do when the opportunistic bullies threaten Americans is to arm ourselves with weapons we neither understand nor have skills to use. Guns should be regulated as tightly as are automobiles: Registration, passing written and applied skills testing for licensure, prosecution of "vehicular homicide" . . . What do you do when the Mens Rea is a vacant mind?
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0777
Public comment 743. Individual. Joe Veltri. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

This does nothing to control gun violence. Are you awake?
I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The regulation of firearms needs to be strengthened not weakened and adequate funding for this important purpose be ensured.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0775
Public comment 745. Individual. Denis Gould. 7-7-18

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General Comment

I want the most secure control of firearms possible to protect our country. Why the proposed change?
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0774
Public comment 746. Individual. Shira Tarantino. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Shira Tarantino

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms export activities should remain with the State Department due to its nature of dangerous weaponry. The Commerce Department has no business regulating firearms activities. Thank you.
We are witnessing more and more dangerous and unnecessary use of firearms by irresponsible persons. This must be stopped now. Firearms in the hands of irresponsible individuals is and must be regulated and stopped now. Too many innocent individuals are being shot and killed. Please take action IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.
Gun Reform is needed!
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0771
Public comment 749. Individual. Terry Barth. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

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General Comment

I am opposed to the change proposed that would have our Commerce Dept. regulate firearms rather than our State Dept. The NRA is interested in having as many guns as possible in as many hands as possible - they are not concerned with the safety of the general public!
We need more, not less, regulation of assault weapons and ammunition capable of harming large numbers of our fellow citizens. Recent experience has shown this all too often.
Tighten gun control laws. Very limited studies, due to the ban on studying gun laws and gun usage, shows that looser gun laws correlate to more gun violence.
I wonder where the the right to kill comes from.
GENERAL COMMENT

I am against this rule change that would put control of firearms and related content export into the jurisdiction of the US Commerce Department from the US State Department. This is a foolhardy decision that would endanger our national and international security because it could be used by potential terrorists as well as organized crime against the USA and our allies, which could lead to a more fractured and strained global relations situation than what we have now (thanks to Trump and his ill informed decisions).
Why do we focus on one incident at a time? What about all of the gang incidents where illegal gun purchases were made using gun shows, online sales and a lack of background checks. People are dying everyday because of this lack of concern and inaction.
Weakening gun control measures by ANY MEASURE at this point in time is absolute insanity. The US is the ONLY nation in the world that has regular mass shootings, this has got to stop now. How do gun rights measure up to the freedom to live, to survive, in peace??? We need more and thoughtful gun control measures, immediately! It's an infringement on MY rights as a patent and a human being to loosen gun tegs. Get it together, people!!
General Comment

The proposed change allowing the Department of Commerce to oversee gun exports instead of the State Department is unnecessary & unacceptable. One of the primary missions of the Commerce Department is to promote US-made goods abroad without respect to other policy considerations such as security & public safety. The State Department (at least when it was staffed & had a sane person at the top) is much better suited to making the qualitative decisions required when considering the export of guns & munitions. The most important issue is NOT accommodating & supporting the export of gun & munitions manufacturers' products, rather it is proper review of whether the export of these goods is sensible & supportive of our national security & the public safety. In most cases i would argue it is not in our national interest to accommodate & encourage the export of guns & munitions whether for consumer sales or to foreign governments. It's just not the right thing to do.

Please reject this proposed rule change & help to maintain a sane & thorough review by the State Department of ALL the relevant issues when gun and/or munitions exports are proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0763
Public comment 757. Individual. Robert Craig. 7-7-18

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General Comment

This is the most heavily armed country. Stop expanding gun sales.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0762
Public comment 758. Individual. Suzanne Ghais. 7-7-18

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General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I am concerned about facilitating the export of small arms by putting regulation in the hands of an agency whose job is to promote US products.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0761
Public comment 759. Individual. Lisa Hammermeister. 7-7-18

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General Comment

This country is gun crazy. We need control over policies that advocate guns.
I oppose the transfer of firearm export authority from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept. It would eliminate the State Department’s Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.
General Comment

The problem with indiscriminately arming nations is like the weather: If you like a current regime, wait a decade or two and it will change—often to one opposed to the United States. Accordingly, the decision whether to arm a regime is better assessed by the State Department than the Commerce Department, whose emphasis is promoting trade. The proposed rule is short-sighted and should be rejected.
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Public comment 762. Individual. Gretchen Crook. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Gretchen Crook

General Comment

Against this proposed change.
Treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military

Transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.

Removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.

Reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.

Enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms.

Reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports.

Transfers gun export licensing from an agency with mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0756
Public comment 764. Individual. Herman S. Simms Jr. 7-7-18

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General Comment

"Everybody"s got a pistol. everybody's got a .45". -- Gil Scott Heron.
General Comment

I can't believe any caring individual would want MORE guns on the streets! The question should be how do we get fewer guns. Countries that don't allow rampant purchase & use of guns, don't have the epidemic of school/workplace/mall shootings that the US does. Wake up! Guns are a privilege, not a right & come with responsibilities, which a great many folks don't realize.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0754
Public comment 766. Individual. Brett Robert. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Brett Robert

General Comment

It appears that much of the energy behind the so-called 2nd amendment movement that works against any and all forms of gun control is coming from the gun manufacturing industry itself. The industry is simply trying to create business for itself regardless of what the consequences are. This is downright sociopathic behavior that the rest of us need to stop enabling and accepting now before things get even worse. The wild west did not have the gun violence that we have today! I am a gun owner myself (Remington 870 tactical pump-action shotgun), but I fully support common-sense gun control and I reject the argument that any gun control will lead to the loss of the right to bear arms.

One thing we can do to improve the current situation, or at least make it no worse, is to prevent the sale of powerful guns and gun accessories to other countries. Our gun policies have made a mess of things here, so we should not try to export them to others. We should not be changing the rules to switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department, which sounds uncomfortably close to me like switching from looking at guns with the right amount of care and respect to a situation where we will sell anything to the highest bidder regardless of who that bidder may be.

Don't change the rules and open up international gun sales. We are making ourselves enough of an international
bad guy
as it is.
I oppose the rule change that would move the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0752
Public comment 768. Individual. Wallace Elton. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Wallace Elton

General Comment

Please keep the handling of export licenses for semiautomatic and other military-like weapons in the State Department, which is concerned with safeguarding our country and people. I oppose shifting this control to the Commerce Department with its focus on boosting trade regardless of the danger involved.
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Public comment 769. Individual. Bruce O'Brien. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Bruce O'Brien

General Comment

The oversight of weapons sales, whether national or international, is an issue of safety. Weapons cannot be separated from the consequences of wounding and killing. That is why these sales are currently handled by the State Dept. To change oversight of weapons sales to the Commerce Department is to cater to the business of those who would profit from these arms sales, regardless of the consequences. I believe Americans seek a higher standard - that of caring about consequences - than a business model of killing and maiming.
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Document: BIS-2017-0004-0750
Public comment 770. Individual. Cynthia O Neill. 7-7-18

Submitter Information

Name: Cynthia O'Neill

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department because it would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Exports such as these belong to the State Department to handle. This is not commerce - this is exploitation by a lobbying organization to spread its influence around the world without regard to public safety. We need to reduce gun violence. Changing this regulation from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department effectively increases gun violence. This MUST NOT HAPPEN.