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National Rifle Association of America
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Dear Mr. Conte:

This is in response to your letter received on January 9th to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regarding the information collection of information under OMB Number 1140-0018. The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) submitted the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

The NRA asserts that the ATF Form 7 may request only that information necessary to determine eligibility for licensing under 18 USC § 923(d)(1)(A) through 18 USC § 923(d)(1) (G). The NRA further asserts that to the extent that the ATF Form 7 requests information that is outside of the requirement of 18 USC § 923(d)(1)(A) through 18 USC § 923(d)(1) (G), such portions of ATF Form 7 violate the express limitation on ATF's authority and must be removed from the form. The NRA identifies several sections of the ATF Form 7 which it states exceed ATF's authority.

With regard to the comments concerning sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 18a, 22, 24 and 25 on ATF Form 7, those items have been on the form for many years and remain unchanged. For this reason, the comments concerning those items are not within the scope of the Federal Register Notice and will not be addressed.

We trust that the foregoing has been responsive to your request. Please feel free to contact the Firearms and Explosives Services Division at 304-616-4590 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen B. Albro
Chief, Firearms and Explosives Services Division