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Acting Director Driscoll:

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed H.R.1, the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*¹, into law, enacting one of the most significant changes to the National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA) in nearly a century. Under the legislation, the \$200 NFA tax on suppressors, short-barreled rifles, and short-barreled shotguns was rightfully eliminated.

However, it has come to our attention that despite months of advance notice and a predictable surge in demand, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) eForms system was not prepared to handle the volume of applications once the tax was eliminated, effective January 1, 2026. The result has been widespread system failures, crashes, and uncertainty for law-abiding Americans and federally licensed firearms dealers attempting to comply with a process the ATF mandates. It is unacceptable that the ATF has failed to implement the law competently.

This is not a legal issue but an operational failure. The ATF mandates this paperwork, administers the eForms system, and bears sole responsibility for its performance. Law-abiding citizens should not be subjected to unnecessary delays or placed at risk because the federal government failed to execute a basic system rollout.

I expect immediate action to stabilize the system, full transparency about the cause of the failure, and a clear, concrete timeline for a permanent fix. Congress delivered pro-Second Amendment reforms and will not tolerate those reforms being undermined by bureaucratic incompetence.

Lastly, the ATF should fully dismantle the registration regime for suppressors, short-barreled rifles, and short-barreled shotguns in its entirety. With the historic elimination of the tax stamp at the beginning of the year, this regime is clearly unconstitutional. The continued enforcement of registration requirements serves no legitimate statutory purpose and functions solely as a barrier to the exercise of Americans' Second Amendment rights.

¹ [Public Law 119-21](#)

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Sincerely,



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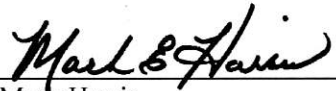
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