

Questions for the Record from Chairman Jordan to Director Dettelbach for the Hearing on
Oversight of the ATF on April 26, 2023

1. How many Form 1 applications have been submitted pursuant to the ATF's Stabilizing Brace Rule (2021R-08F)?
2. If the answer to the first question suggests that less than 25% of expected owners of brace-equipped firearms have applied to register their firearm, will the ATF consider extending the deadline to file a Form 1 in order to provide additional public notice and education on the new requirements?
3. What percentage of Form 1 applications submitted under the Stabilizing Brace Rule have been disapproved by the ATF for reasons other than the background check?
4. Is the ATF reassigning personnel from processing Form 4 applications to processing Form 1 applications submitted pursuant to the Stabilizing Brace Rule?

Questions for the Record from Representative Issa to Director Dettelbach for the Hearing on
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1. Does the ATF have the authority to issue a classification letter to Americans determining whether an item or product is captured by the federal definition of a firearm.
 - a. Has the ATF classified a less-than-lethal device as a firearm?
2. Does Director Dettelbach agree that less-than-lethal devices promote public safety?
3. Would the ATF classify a less-than-lethal tool – such as a taser – as a firearm if it expelled a non-lethal projectile by the action of an explosive?
4. Pneumatic air guns are exempt from the Gun Control Act. Does a less-than-lethal device which fires a projectile at under 500 feet per second (fps) pose any greater threat to public safety than a standard pneumatic air gun, which fires at an average of 1,000fps?
5. What is the ATF’s assessment of whether the federal definition of the term “firearm” and/or the ATF’s own interpretation of the term unnecessarily stifle innovation in less-than-lethal technology by failing to exclude less-than-lethal tools that use a small explosive charge to propel a projectile?
 - a. If Congress were to exclude low velocity non-lethal technology from the Gun Control Act, would ATF presently have the capacity to test muzzle velocity in feet-per-second?
6. Please provide the number of full-time staff (and full-time equivalents or contractors) on ATF’s or its contractors’ payrolls – employed during the first pay period of January 2023 – at each ATF office (including local offices, field divisions, Washington headquarters, and international), and broken down by GS Grade and SES Levels (or contractor-equivalent), GS-7 and above, for each of ATF’s respective offices.
7. How many Form 1 applications has the ATF received pursuant to ATF’s Stabilizing Brace Rule (2021R-08F) since January 13th, 2023?
 - a. If fewer than 25% of expected owners of brace-equipped firearms have applied to register their firearms, will the ATF consider extending the deadline to file a tax-exempt Form 1 in order to provide additional public notice and education on this issue?
8. What percentage of Form 1 applications submitted under ATF’s Stabilizing Brace Rule (2021R-08F) have been denied or disapproved by ATF for reasons other than the background check, since January 13th, 2023?
9. Has ATF reassigned, or is ATF planning on reassigning personnel from processing Form 4 applications to processing Form 1 applications submitted pursuant to the Stabilizing Brace Rule?