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The Honorable Adam D. Kinzinger
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Kinzinger:

This responds to your letter to the Acting Director dated October 11, 2017, concerning bump-stock devices. We are sending identical responses to the other Members who joined in your letter. We, like you, your colleagues, and the American public, mourn the loss of life and our thoughts are with those injured and traumatized by the horrific events that took place in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017.

In the aftermath of this tragedy, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Department of Justice undertook a review of the options available relating to certain bump-stock devices. After thorough consideration, ATF has decided to initiate the process of promulgating a Federal regulation interpreting the definition of "machinegun" in the National Firearms Act and the Gun Control Act to clarify whether certain bump-stock devices fall within that definition.

On December 4, 2017, ATF initiated that process by submitting an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to the Office of Management and Budget. Publication of this ANPRM will provide the public and industry the opportunity to submit formal comments to ATF on certain preliminary topics that will help inform ATF's decision regarding further steps in the rulemaking process. As this process progresses, updates can be found at: <https://www.reginfo.gov/public>.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of assistance with this or any other matter.

Sincerely yours,

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