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My name is Kyle Kent, and I appear before this Committee as a Federal Firearms Licensee and an advocate for lawful, responsible commerce under the framework of the United States Constitution and existing federal law.

I wish to voice my strong opposition to the proposed legislative efforts that seek to impose additional layers of regulation, security mandates, and compliance safeguards on FFL holders—measures which are not only excessive but fundamentally oppressive.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) already enforces some of the most stringent regulatory standards in any federally licensed industry. FFL holders are subject to intensive background checks, detailed recordkeeping, unannounced compliance inspections, and severe penalties for even minor infractions. The existing regulatory framework is not only comprehensive, but effectively ensures both public safety and accountability.

Despite this, we are now facing legislative proposals that appear to operate on the assumption that lawful dealers and manufacturers are inherently untrustworthy or complicit in wrongdoing. These proposals aim to burden licensees with duplicative, costly, and often impractical security requirements that far exceed what is necessary or appropriate under federal law.

Such legislation does not address criminal misuse of firearms—it punishes compliance. It treats lawful business owners not as regulated entities, but as suspects. These proposals risk turning legitimate enterprise into a regulatory minefield, one in which simple errors or logistical limitations could result in license revocation, crippling fines, or legal jeopardy.

Let me be clear: we support common-sense regulation that upholds public safety. But legislation that supersedes and undermines the existing ATF framework without justification is not only inefficient—it is unjust. It threatens to shut down small businesses, eliminate jobs, and infringe upon constitutional rights without producing meaningful improvements in public safety outcomes.

I respectfully urge this Committee to reject any legislative effort that imposes duplicative or excessive mandates on law-abiding FFL holders. Let us strengthen enforcement where there are actual violations—not expand regulation where compliance is already being met and exceeded.

Thank you for your time

Respectfully,
Kyle Kent