



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary of State
United States Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

I write to offer comments regarding Export Control Reform Initiative (ECR).

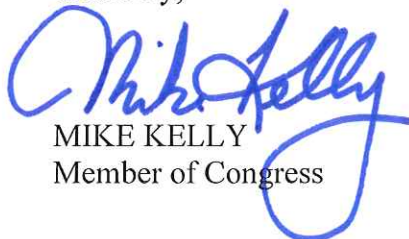
As you know, implementing the ECR is crucial to strengthening both our national security and the competitiveness of the U.S. manufacturing and technological sectors. ECR has the potential to eliminate unnecessary and burdensome regulations on U.S. businesses and allow the U.S. export control system to focus on the most important national security priorities. Accordingly, I urge the swift completion of the ECR.

Furthermore, while nearly all other categories of items have been addressed in the ECR, firearms and ammunition have not yet seen such treatment. This costly delay harms U.S. firearms and ammunition manufacturers by weakening their ability to compete in the global market. Thus I also specifically call for prompt action on the movement of eligible, dual use items classified under categories I, II, and III of the U.S. Munitions List (USML) to the Commerce Control List (CCL).

Insofar as public comment from a range of stakeholders is vital to completing a successful ECR process, I urge the timely publication of proposed rules implementing the ECR and further urge the interagency task force entrusted with the ECR to give thoughtful consideration to the views of firearms owners, manufacturers of firearms and ammunition, and other stakeholders. Lastly, I request a timeline for the publication of these proposed rules and the public comment period.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



MIKE KELLY
Member of Congress