

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 2, 2015

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

On October 15, 2013, I had the honor to lead 181 members of Congress in a bipartisan letter to you opposing the ratification of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty and its implementation in law. Today, an additional 34 members of Congress elected in 2014 join me in expressing their whole-hearted opposition to this treaty, based on the six concerns set out in that letter, which they fully support.

I note, with deep concern, that the Arms Trade Treaty is now being described as a global and legally binding treaty – whereas in fact it has only been ratified by 62 nations – that has as one of its main objectives the prevention of the diversion of firearms, which implies that treaty supporters seek to use it to impinge on the lawful ownership, use of, and trade in firearms.

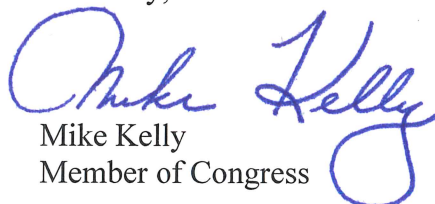
I further note, with regret, that your Administration signed the Arms Trade Treaty in September 2013. I also regret that, eighteen months later, you have not yet transmitted the treaty to the Senate for its advice and consent. While I acknowledge and respect the prerogatives of the Senate in this matter, I do not believe that this treaty should remain in limbo, unavailable for the scrutiny of the legislature.

As before, the signers of this letter join me in urging you to notify the treaty depository that the U.S. does not intend to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty, and is therefore not bound by its obligations. As members of Congress, we pledge to support the Senate in opposing the ratification of this treaty, and we give notice that we do not regard the U.S. as bound to uphold its object and purpose.

Further, we regard this treaty as non-self-executing, and we oppose the passage of implementing legislation that is necessary for it to have any domestic effect. Lastly, as members of the House of Representatives, which is particularly invested with the power of the purse, we oppose the use of any funds to implement the Arms Trade Treaty.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Mike Kelly
Member of Congress

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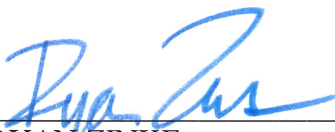
We write to express our opposition to the Arms Trade Treaty, and to join the many members of the United States House of Representatives who are already committed to opposing its ratification and implementation in law.

On October 15, 2013, 181 of our House colleagues wrote to you, summarizing the six reasons why they oppose the ratification of this treaty and its implementation in law. We share their concerns, and we join with them in urging you to notify the treaty depository that the U.S. does not intend to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty and is therefore not bound by its obligations.


As members of Congress, we pledge to support the Senate in opposition to the ratification of this treaty, and we give notice that we do not regard the U.S. as bound to uphold its object and purpose. Further, we regard this treaty as non-self-executing, and oppose the passage of implementing legislation that is necessary for the treaty to have any domestic effect. Lastly, as members of the House of Representatives, which is particularly invested with the power of the purse, we oppose the use of any funds to implement or otherwise support the Arms Trade Treaty.

We appreciate your consideration on this issue and look forward to your response.

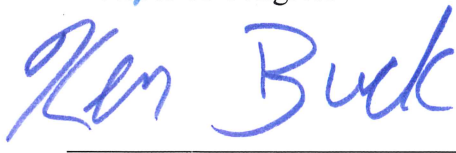
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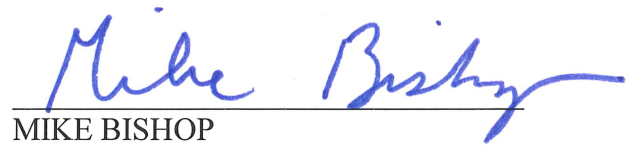
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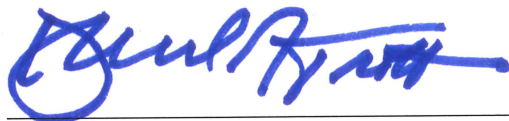
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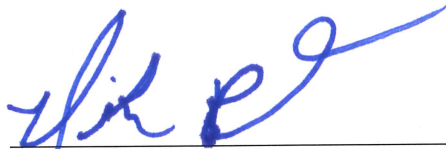
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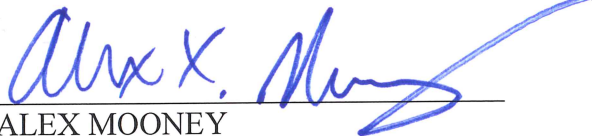
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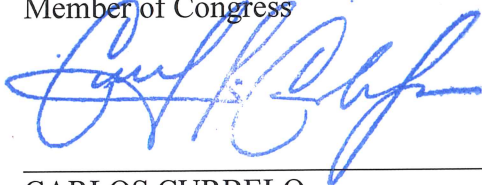
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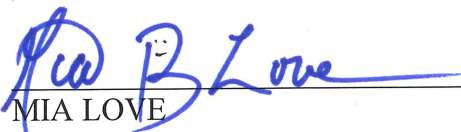
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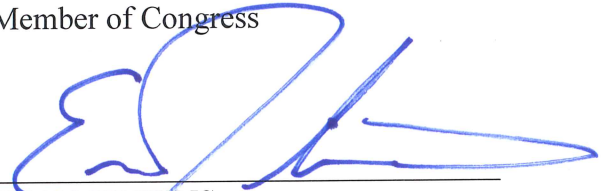
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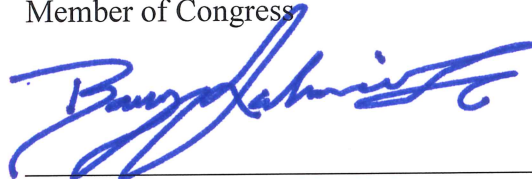
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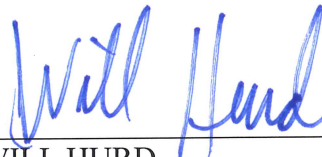
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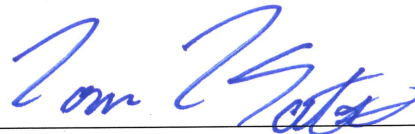
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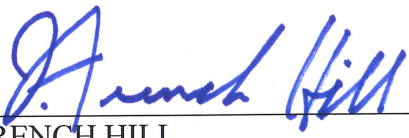
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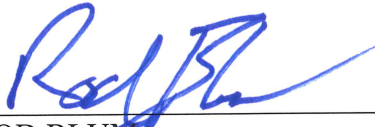
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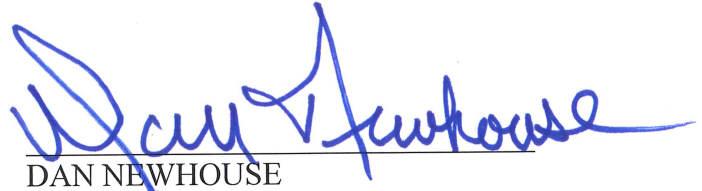
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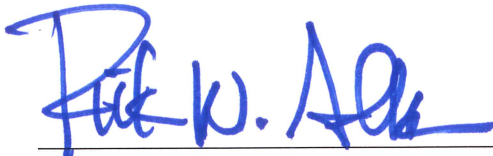
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