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Director B. Todd Jones  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
The United States Department of Justice  
99 New York Avenue, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Director Jones,

It is with great concern that I have learned of a possible ban on the importation of the "7N6" offering of the 5.45x39 cartridge. This popular type of ammunition is currently in use among many sportsmen and target-shooters alike. On March 28, 2014, firearms and ammunition distributors reported that in their recent dealings with the Imports Branch of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), they were told that the "7N6" offering of the 5.45x39 cartridge would be banned for future import into the United States.

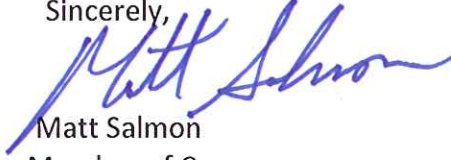
As you know, the 5.45x39 cartridge is extremely popular and is in use by many Americans who choose to exercise their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. This cartridge is quite unique in that it provides our citizens with a plentiful, cost-effective, and efficient source of ammunition for their firearms. In fact, the 5.45x39 cartridge is easily one of the most affordable ammunition offerings available to Americans to date.

I am troubled that such a reliable, cost-effective, and popular choice, such as the "7N6" offering of the 5.45x39 cartridge would be banned for import by the BATFE after years of trouble-free import and use. Furthermore, I am concerned that decisions such as these pertaining to a popular choice of ammunition that Americans have chosen to purchase and use are being made as a matter of bureaucratic policy.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the BATFE provide my office with an answer to the question of whether or not the "7N6" offering of the 5.45x39 cartridge has been or will be banned or otherwise restricted for import into the United States. Should you confirm that the "7N6" offering of the 5.45x39 cartridge has been or will be banned or otherwise restricted for import into the United States, I ask that you provide my office with a detailed statement as to why the BATFE has elected to do so and under what authority it has elected to take such action.

Going forward, I ask that you carefully consider the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding Americans to keep and bear arms by protecting their access to all components necessary to the free exercise thereof. I look forward to your timely response on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Salmon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Salmon  
Member of Congress