United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 6, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Bondi Attorney General of the United States U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We write regarding President Trump's February 7, 2025, Executive Order (E.O.), "Protecting Second Amendment Rights" and call to your attention the current awarding of federal contracts to entities that discriminate against the firearm and ammunition industry in the absence of federal guidance prohibiting such action. We believe that entities with discriminatory policies against a Constitutionally protected industry should not be allowed to benefit from lucrative federal contracts to help finance their anti-gun agenda.

Unfortunately, past administrations, including the Biden administration, have sought to advance policies across multiple executive branch agencies and departments intended to undermine the Second Amendment. This includes the ongoing, intentional discrimination against the firearm and ammunition industry among private entities operating in various sectors, including financial services, insurance, shipping and others.

President Trump has also rightfully prioritized the elimination of waste, fraud and abuse in the federal budget. We believe that awarding billions of dollars in federal contracts to "woke" entities engaged in anti-gun activism and discrimination is part of this waste and should end immediately.

To that end, in accordance with the Second Amendment E.O., we request that you submit in your plan of action a provision to cease awarding federal contracts to entities that discriminate against the firearm and ammunition industry. Under no circumstance should taxpayer dollars from hardworking Americans be used to deny those very taxpayers their Constitutionally protected rights. We appreciate you considering submitting this recommendation to President Trump.

Sincerely,

Steve Daines

United States Senator

James E. Risch

United States Senator

¹ https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/protecting-second-amendment-rights/

Lindsey O. Graham United States Senator

Tim Sheehy United States Senator

Rick Scott
United States Senator

John Cornyn United States Senator

Cynthia M. Lummis United States Senator

Pete Ricketts
United States Senator

Deb Fischer United States Senator Kevin Cramer United States Senator

Bill Cassidy, M.D.
United States Senator

Michael D. Crapo United States Senator

United States Senator

Roger Marshall, M.D. United States Senator

Mike Lee

United States Senator

John Hoeven

United States Senator