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President Trump Says He Will 'Write Out' Bump Stocks Without Congress; Two Second Amendment Groups Initiate Legal Action to Oppose Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 26, 2018) — In a press conference today, President Donald Trump <u>said</u> that, "I don't care if Congress does it or not, I'm writing [so-called 'bump stocks'] out myself." In response to these troubling statements, constitutional rights advocacy organizations <u>Firearms Policy Coalition</u> (FPC) and <u>Firearms Policy Foundation</u> (FPF) have announced that they have retained attorneys Joshua Prince and Adam Kraut of the Pennsylvania-based Firearms Industry Consulting Group, a division of Civil Rights Defense Firm, P.C., to submit their legal opposition to any rulemaking and begin preparing for litigation.

Last month, <u>FPC submitted a legal letter of opposition</u> to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' advanced noticed of proposed rulemaking on the "Application of the Definition of Machinegun to Bump Fire Stocks and Other Similar Devices." In its comments, FPC explained that the "DOJ and BATFE clearly lack the statutory authority to re-define the targeted devices as 'machineguns'," and that these ATF-approved and legally-possessed devices could not be regulated firearms under the statutes.

"We will use every available resource and remedy in our ongoing defense of the Constitution, fundamental rights, and millions of law-abiding American gun owners," said FPC President Brandon Combs. "Our advocacy team and legal counsel will continue working to stop any executive action before it becomes law, but we would not hesitate to file a federal lawsuit to protect the rights and legal personal property of gun owners if that is ultimately what it will take."

Those who wish to back FPC and FPF's efforts to oppose executive branch gun control and support legal action can make tax-deductible donation at <u>www.defendgunparts.com</u>. Individuals can become a member of FPC at <u>www.firearmspolicy.org/join</u>.

Firearms Policy Coalition (www.firearmspolicy.org) is a 501(c)4 grassroots nonprofit organization. FPC's mission is to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, especially the fundamental, individual Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

Firearms Policy Foundation (www.firearmsfoundation.org) is a 501(c)3 grassroots nonprofit organization. FPF's mission is to defend the Constitution of the United States and the People's rights, privileges and immunities deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition, especially the inalienable, fundamental, and individual right to keep and bear arms.

Firearms Industry Consulting Group (www.firearmsindustryconsultinggroup.com) represents individuals, organizations, firearms licensees, and others across the United States in complex state and federal firearms law matters.

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