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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0104

Dear Senator Sessions:

This responds to your request for the Department of Defense's view on S.397, a bill to "prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others."

The Department of Defense strongly supports this legislation.

We believe that passage of S.397 would help safeguard our national security by limiting unnecessary lawsuits against an industry that plays a critical role in meeting the procurement needs of our men and women in uniform.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this letter for the consideration of the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Dell'Orto", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel J. Dell'Orto
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