

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 17, 2009

Vice Admiral Alan S. Thompson  
Defense Logistics Agency  
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Dear Vice Admiral Thompson:

We write in regards to the recent reclassification of small arms cartridges from DEMIL Code E to Code B, effectively prohibiting the sale of fired military brass. We urge the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to reconsider this reclassification of small arms fired cartridges, or immediately implement a waiver to allow the sale of intact small arms casings. This reclassification has an impact on small businesses who sell reloaded ammunition utilizing these fired casings, and upon individual gun owners who purchase spent military brass at considerable cost savings for their personal use.

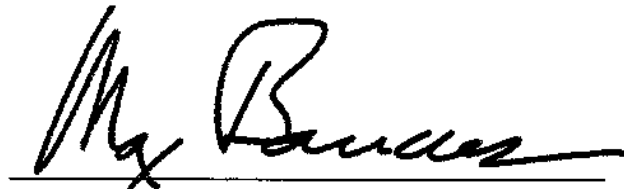
It is our understanding that, until recently, small cartridge cases were classified as DEMIL Code E, which limits sale of the cases unless destroyed. However, DLA may provide a waiver to the destruction requirement, thus allowing the cases to be sold intact within the United States. Recently, DLA accepted the recommendation from the Demilitarization Coding Management Office to reclassify small arm cartridge cases to Code B status. Selling property given that status is prohibited unless destroyed, and currently no waiver to the destruction requirement for purchasing Code B property is in place.

We strongly believe the reclassification of small arms casings to Code B should be immediately reversed. The destruction of fired brass is unwarranted and has far reaching implications. The use of fire arms and reloading brass is part of our outdoor heritage.

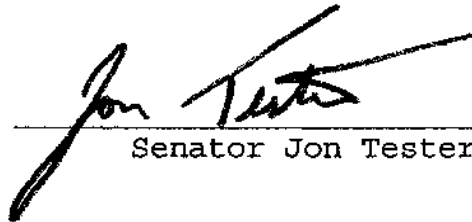
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Reloading ammunition is economical for both individuals and business owners. Prohibiting the sale of fired military brass would reduce the supply of ammunition – preventing individual gun owners from fully exercising their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. We urge you to address this situation promptly.

Sincerely,



Senator Max Baucus



Senator Jon Tester

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