



The Honorable Mike Lee

THE SILENCERS HELP US SAVE HEARING ACT

Senator Lee will re-introduce the Silencers Help Us Save Hearing Act (SHUSH Act) to eliminate unnecessary regulation.

BACKGROUND

Suppressors are a non-lethal firearm accessory used by hunters, sportsmen, and marksmen throughout the world. Suppressors make shooting safer by reducing noise, recoil, and muzzle blast.

Currently, law-abiding citizens looking to purchase a suppressor must petition the ATF through a tedious and unconstitutional process. In order to purchase and own a suppressor, a would-be purchaser must:

- Complete two copies of ATF Form 4 (one by the individual, the other by the recognized dealer);
- Form 4 requires the disclosure of personal information such as name, address, and SSN, and then you must include the make, model, and serial number of the suppressor;
- Obtain a certification from a local chief law enforcement office, obtain two copies of fingerprints, and provide a passport style photograph; and
- Submit copies of Form 4, two fingerprint cards, two passport photos, and pay a \$200 fee, then wait 90 days to 9 months for ATF approval.

The approval process can take 9-12 months. Once approved, the ATF will return the completed Form 4 with a tax stamp to the recognized dealer, allowing for the final purchase and transfer to take place. These requirements make purchase of a non-lethal gun accessory onerous and prohibitively costly for most consumers. The result is surreptitious gun control.

WHAT THE BILL DOES

This bill will ensure the elimination of *all* federal regulation—including taxes, fees, and registration requirements—of suppressors, particularly in the U.S. Code. Currently, the Code restricts the right to own and use a suppressor—even for current or retired law enforcement officers. This bill would work in conjunction with the Hearing Protection Act by achieving the same result as that bill while additionally removing suppressors from the coverage of the Gun Control Act of 1968. Suppressors are a non-lethal firearm accessory that makes shooting safer for sportsmen and citizens. This bill rightfully eliminates federal regulation of them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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