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January 19, 2024

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is investigating politicization of activities at the Department of Commerce (Commerce) by the Biden Administration targeting the firearm industry. We initially wrote to you on November 28, 2023, to request information on the recent decision by Commerce to cease issuing new export licenses related to certain firearms, firearm components, and ammunition for approximately 90 days.¹ As of the date of this letter, Commerce has failed to produce a single document in response to the Committee's request and has not provided the requested briefing.

The deadline for Commerce to produce the requested information was December 12, 2023. Commerce is now more than five weeks delinquent in satisfying those requests. Despite attempts by Committee staff to obtain status updates on Commerce's efforts to identify and produce the requested documents, Commerce has failed to provide any substantive status updates or a timeline of their activities working toward production. Furthermore, instead of providing the requested briefing or documents, Commerce held what it dubbed a "listening session" with congressional staff on December 15, 2023, providing only vague responses to limited questions in a half-hour format.

Accordingly, we write to reiterate our outstanding requests for documents and information in our November 28, 2023, request. If Commerce continues to fail to produce the requested documents by January 26, 2024, we will consider other measures, including the use of compulsory process, to gain compliance and obtain this material.

To arrange for delivery of responsive documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Accountability Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Attached are instructions for producing the documents and information to the Committee.

¹ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, Committee on Oversight & Accountability, to Gina Raimondo, Secretary, Dep't. of Commerce (Nov. 28, 2023).

The Honorable Secretary Raimondo

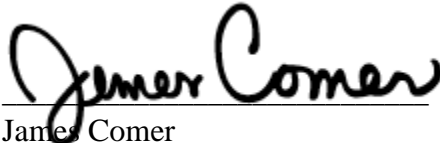
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The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "C".

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Accountability