

Senators Introduce Legislation to Roll Back Invasive ATF Brace Rule



Senator Roger Marshall of Kansas.

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A group of conservative Senators is fighting back against the **ATF**'s recent move to ban pistol braces on firearms.

Introduced Tuesday, the **Stop Harassing Owners of Rifles Today (SHORT) Act**, is “legislation that fights back against the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives’ (ATF) **recently announced** federal registry for firearms with stabilizing braces.”

The lead sponsors of the legislation are Senator Roger **Roger Marshall**, M.D. of Kansas, and John Kennedy of Louisiana. A House compliment to the bill has also been introduced by Congressman Andrew Clyde of Georgia’s 9th Congressional District.

Other original cosponsors of the bill include the following Senators: Barrasso (Wyoming), Boozman (Arkansas), Crapo (Idaho), Cruz, (**Texas**), Daines (Montana), Hyde-Smith (Mississippi), Kennedy (Louisiana), Lee (Utah), Lummis (Wyoming), Mullin (Oklahoma), Paul (Kentucky), Risch (Idaho), Scott (**Florida**), Thune (South Dakota), and Tuberville (Alabama).

As noted by the **Daily Caller**, the legislation would do the following:

“remove the taxation, registration and regulation in the National Firearms Act (NFA) for firearms such as Short-Barreled Rifles (SBR), Short-Barreled Shotguns (SBS) and Any Other Weapons (AOW).”

In a media release distributed by Senator Marshall’s office, Jason Ouimet, the Executive Director of the **National Rifle Association**’s Institute for Legislative Action (**NRA-ILA**) lauded the Senators’ actions:

“The **NRA** is proud to stand with Sen. Marshall and support the Stop Harassing Owners of Rifles Today (SHORT) Act. Given the ATF’s most recent assault on the **Second Amendment**, this important legislation will protect the right of law-abiding Americans to choose the firearm that best suits their needs while eliminating an outdated and onerous taxing and registration scheme. If passed, American gun owners will no longer have to fear the unconstitutional and arbitrary reinterpretations of the law by unelected, anti-gun bureaucrats. The NRA thanks Sen. Marshall for his unwavering support of the Second Amendment and his leadership in introducing these commonsense reforms.”

This bill was also **previously introduced** last September during the 118th **Congress**.