

VERIFIED DECLARATION OF MATTHEW THOMPSON

I, Matthew Thompson, am competent to state and declare the following based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am a resident of Hamburg, Pennsylvania.
2. In 2017, I became interested in a bump stock device.
3. Prior to purchasing a Slide Fire bump stock device, as I wanted to ensure the legality of the device, I went on Slide Fire's website - <https://slidefire.com> - to determine if the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had approved the device.
4. Slide Fire's website stated that it had obtained approval from ATF and provided me with a copy of ATF's June 7, 2010 determination letter. A copy of the letter is attached as Exhibit 1.
5. In reliance on ATF's determination letter of June 7, 2010, I purchased a Slide Fire bump stock device at a cost of \$134.00, which I still own today.
6. It is my understanding, based upon ATF's notice of proposed rulemaking – RIN 1140-AA52, Fed. Reg. No. 2018-06292 – that ATF intends to reclassify bump stock devices as machine guns in violation of Article 1, Section 9 of the United States Constitution (*i.e.* Ex Post Fact clause) and to require me to surrender or otherwise destroy my Slide Fire bump stock device in the absence of any compensation, in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief. Executed on April 19, 2018.



Matthew Thompson

Exhibit 1



U.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives

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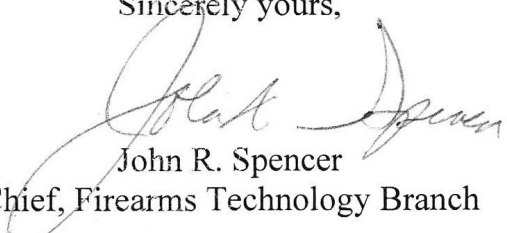
This is in reference to your submission and accompanying letter to the Firearms Technology Branch (FTB), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), asking for an evaluation of a replacement shoulder stock for an AR-15 type rifle. Your letter advises that the stock (referenced in this reply as a "bump-stock") is intended to assist persons whose hands have limited mobility to "bump-fire" an AR-15 type rifle. Your submission includes the following: a block to replace the pistol grip while providing retention for the selector stop spring; a hollow shoulder stock intended to be installed over the rear of an AR-15 fitting with a sliding-stock type buffer-tube assembly; and a set of assembly instructions.

The FTB evaluation confirmed that the submitted stock (see enclosed photos) does attach to the rear of an AR-15 type rifle which has been fitted with a sliding shoulder-stock type buffer-tube assembly. The stock has no automatically functioning mechanical parts or springs and performs no automatic mechanical function when installed. In order to use the installed device, the shooter must apply constant forward pressure with the non-shooting hand and constant rearward pressure with the shooting hand. Accordingly, we find that the "bump-stock" is a firearm part and is not regulated as a firearm under Gun Control Act or the National Firearms Act.

Per your telephoned instructions, we will contact you separately to make return delivery arrangements.

We thank you for your inquiry and trust that the foregoing has been responsive.

Sincerely yours,


John R. Spencer
Chief, Firearms Technology Branch

Enclosure