



March 6, 2024

Senator Bailey
Chairman, Commerce and Labor Committee
736 Cordell Hull Building
425 Rep. John Lewis Way N
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Senate Bill 2223/House Bill 2762; Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act

Position: Support

Dear Chairman Bailey and Members of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, we write to respectfully express our support for Senate Bill 2223/House Bill 2762 which stands to protect hunters and recreational shooters from having their purchases tracked or halted by financial institutions when purchasing firearms and ammunition.

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

Hunters and recreational shooters are the backbone of the "user pays – public benefits" structure of the American System of Conservation Funding, as manufacturers pay a self-imposed excise tax on their firearm and ammunition purchases. This excise tax is then returned to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) for the purpose of managing Tennessee's fish and wildlife resources.

Protecting the personal information of sportsmen and women is paramount to the continued success of the time-honored outdoor traditions that have long been enjoyed by Tennesseans. By prohibiting financial institutions from distinguishing firearm retailers from other general or sporting-goods retailers, Senate Bill 2223/House Bill 2762 ensures that hunters may continue to

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lawfully purchase the sporting equipment needed to partake in the outdoor traditions that have stood as societal pillars in Tennessee for generations, while simultaneously providing the funds necessary for the TWRA to carry out its mission.

Without this important consumer protection, hunters and recreational shooters in Tennessee could be subject to discrimination by financial or anti-sportsmen organizations, which would likely deter participation in hunting and the shooting sports and decrease critical conservation funding. We respectfully encourage you to support Senate Bill 2223/House Bill 2762 to protect the privacy of Tennessee hunters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Conner Barker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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