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Biden's Pistol Ban and Complimentary "Amnesty Registration"

To facilitate the banning and registration of millions of pistols, the Biden Administration is updating the form necessary to make and register a *National Firearms Act* (NFA) firearm, otherwise known as ATF Form 1.¹ A document supporting the recent change reads as follows:

Due to the upcoming Amnesty Registration of Pistol Brace weapons, photos of the weapon being registered will be required to prove the weapon does utilize a pistol brace in its configuration and would qualify for an amnesty registration.²

Indeed, the Biden Administration has begun describing its upcoming rule as an "Amnesty Registration" for pistols. **Faced with jailtime of up to ten years and a \$250,000 fine, these pistol owners would then need to submit Form 1 registrations**, including all their personal information, to the federal government including their name, Social Security Number, address, phone number, email, payment information, and fingerprints as well as the make, model, and serial number of their firearm.

This private gun and gun owner information will be recorded in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR), the ATF's formalized and public gun registry. Apparently, **gun owners will also be required to submit photo documentation that they possessed an illegal firearm** in need of registration and amnesty.

According to ATF, the Form 1 takes about four hours to complete.³ Therefore, the owners of up to 40,000,000 braced weapons⁴ will spend up to 160,000,000 hours registering their firearms pursuant to Biden's "Amnesty Registration of Pistol Brace Weapons."

Gun owners may also be required to pay a \$200 tax per firearm,⁵ totaling up to \$8,000,000,000 in gun registration taxes as well. ATF reports to have processed 512,315 NFA forms in 2020.⁶ Assuming no further backlog and assuming all affected gun owners comply with gun registration, **it would take the ATF over 78 years to process all the pistol registration forms.**

By directing the ATF to take such actions, the Biden Administration has forced the hand of Congress in the appropriations process. Congress will now be faced with two choices: **help President Biden ban millions of lawfully purchased pistols by facilitating the ATF's gun registration scheme or support the Second Amendment rights of the American People and refuse to subsidize this mass infringement.**

On behalf of our millions of members and activist supporters, **Gun Owners of America demands Congress not fund President Biden's unconstitutional "Amnesty Registration of Pistol Brace Weapons"** and instead repeal the *National Firearm Act's* gun control laws that the Biden Administration has weaponized.

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