

NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



February 14, 2025

The Honorable John Rutherford
U.S. House of Representatives
1711 Longworth House Office
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rutherford:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), representing 3,081 elected sheriffs across the nation, we are proud to offer our support for the Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act of 2023. This legislation addresses a critical gap in combating gun violence by enhancing penalties for individuals who steal firearms from licensed importers, manufacturers, and dealers.

Gun theft is a serious driver of violent crime, fueling an increase in homicides and aggravated assaults in communities across the country. The Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act provides law enforcement with a vital tool to deter these crimes and protect public safety. By imposing tougher penalties on those who commit these offenses, this bill strengthens efforts to reduce firearm-related violence and hold offenders accountable.

We greatly appreciate your leadership and commitment to keeping our communities safe. Please know that the nation's sheriffs stand with you in supporting this important measure and remain dedicated to working with you to advance public safety.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Sheriff Kieran Donahue, written in a cursive style.

Sheriff Kieran Donahue
Canyon County, Idaho
President
National Sheriffs' Association

A blue ink signature of Jonathan Thompson, written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Thompson
Executive Director, CEO
National Sheriffs' Association