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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

NSSF is the trade association for America's firearm, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry. NSSF's mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. On behalf of our more than 10,000 member companies nationwide, I write in strong support of the nomination of Thomas Elliot Gaiser, of Ohio, to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel and urge his swift confirmation.

In this position, Mr. Gaiser will provide legal advice to the President and all executive branch agencies on exceedingly complex and important legal questions. During his tenure as Ohio's Solicitor General and time in private practice, Mr. Gaiser has demonstrated a commitment to the rule of law and an astute legal acumen. Mr. Gaiser's professional credentials are sterling, as he clerked for three intellectual giants of the legal community, most recently Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Samuel A. Alito. Mr. Gaiser's experience in these roles makes him well suited to analyze some of the difficult and pressing legal issues of our time.

Mr. Gaiser is a talented lawyer who is a true servant of the law and Constitution. In this position, Mr. Gaiser is likely to opine on questions that have an impact on the firearm industry, and we are confident that he will uphold our Constitutional rights, including the Second Amendment. Mr. Gaiser recently led an amicus brief in the Supreme Court behalf of the state of Ohio and 24 other states in support of the petitioners in *Ocean State Tactical LLC v. Rhode Island*, which urged the Court to grant for review a petition challenging Rhode Island's unconstitutional ban on standard capacity magazines. The brief explained that approximately 120 million Americans live in states that ban the most popular firearms in America and argued that "[w]ere any other enumerated right involved," the Supreme Court "would not tolerate a landscape where one-in-three citizens were unable to exercise what their fellow Americans have understood for generations to be a basic freedom." We believe that Mr. Gaiser will continue his pursuit of justice and ably fulfill the Office of Legal Counsel's mission of providing the Executive Branch with excellent advice, especially with regards to our most cherished freedoms.

We are proud to offer our strong support and respectfully request you confirm Mr. Gaiser for this position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelby Baird Smith