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Dear Commerce Committee Member,

The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition is an organization comprised of law abiding firearms owners, manufacturers and dealers.

NHFC requests that you review and report HB 1285 as "Ought to Pass".

Over the years, the Federal Government has taken a number of liberties with the Interstate Commerce laws and is clearly overstepping the boundaries of the 9th and 10th amendments in the area of Firearms.

Currently anyone wishing to either manufacture or sell firearms (Wholesale or Retail) needs to be licensed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF). This process is time consuming and expensive for both manufacturers and distributors. This process suppresses the manufacture and sale of firearms and diminishes the income of the companies in the state that are engaged in the business firearm manufacturing.

There is no reason for this to take place if the firearm is manufactured within the state of NH and sold to an individual within the state of NH. When the firearm never leaves the state there is no effect on interstate commerce.

Furthermore, this bill restates what exists as governing law in both the New Hampshire and the Bill of Rights in the United States Constitution.

The US Constitution makes no mention of the Federal Government overseeing the manufacture or sale of firearms. If the powers for oversight of firearms manufacture and sales were not

specifically granted to the Federal Government, the powers belong to the State of New Hampshire

Additionally, the BATF collects taxes on both firearms and Ammunition and there is no reason that these taxes should not stay within the borders of the State of New Hampshire.

For the record: This bill will only affect firearms that meet these two requirements (Both manufactured and sold to a New Hampshire resident).

With this in mind, NHFC asks that you forward this bill to the General Court with the Recommendation of an OTP.

We will be informing our members about the actions you take on this and other legislation.

Sincerely,

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