



House of Representatives  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President Trump:

Thank you for the tremendous sacrifice and service to our country. I understand that you and members of your cabinet have expressed concerns about government outreach by the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). I have been working on a case in Oklahoma which I believe warrants your and your cabinet's attention.

I am a 30-year-long state law enforcement officer and now a state representative. In 2023, ATF raided the home of a school teacher/ preacher who also had a federal firearms dealer's license- Russell Fincher. Russell reside in a small rural town, Tushka, located in Southeastern Oklahoma. Russell allowed ATF to enter his home and conduct a consent search. He allowed ATF to look at his computer and completely cooperated with agents. Despite full cooperation, ATF conducted a full-scale raid, handcuffing Russell in front of his teenage son. ATF found no evidence of a crime but illegally seized approximately 60 (half of Russell guns) and disabled his home surveillance equipment. ATF didn't arrest Russell but made him the subject of a grand jury.

During this time ATF, offered to pay Russell \$10 per gun for the guns they had illegally seized. The grand jury did not indict Russell, but the prosecutor filed another case in front of a second grand jury. They indicted Russell for selling ammunition without checking for felons or asking for identification.

This is one of the most unjust and illegal abuses of law enforcement. I completed a probable cause statement on ATF and requested that the Oklahoma Attorney General file charges for extortion, terroristic threats, and disabling security equipment during the course of crime. The Oklahoma Attorney General lacked the courage to protect his citizens. I am requesting that you review to probable cause and see if you agree that charges would be warranted.

Russell was convicted of selling ammunition to a felon. He lost his teaching position and his firearms.

I hope you will consider filing charges on ATF, granting a presidential pardon for Russell Fincher, and forcing ATF to return his firearms . I will be happy to assist you in anything you would need from Oklahoma.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

  
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