

# **EXHIBIT 4**

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This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

On behalf of our requester client, we hereby request a copy of the following record under FOIA, preferably sent to the requester's undersigned attorney by email in electronic format (pdf):

- the comments submitted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms ("BATF"), published on September 6, 1996 at 61 FR 47095, Notice No. 839, RIN 1512-AB41, in which BATF proposed definitions to facilitate the implementation of the national instant criminal background check system ("NICS") required under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. On information and belief, the VA's comments were submitted between September 6, 1996 and December 5, 1996 (when the comment period closed).

We hereby consent to pay all costs incurred for search, duplication and review of materials up to \$250.00. If additional costs will be required, please contact me for my approval.

If any records are withheld from release, please identify the withheld records by producing and providing to me an index pursuant to *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820, 826-28 (D.C. Cir. 1973).

If the VA's Office of General Counsel does not have custody or control over certain requested and responsive records but knows or believes that another component of the VA subject to FOIA does, please forward this FOIA Request to the appropriate person and inform us that you have done so.

Please respond within 20 business days in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A).

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me immediately by the means listed below.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
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