

**Subject:** Reply from Senator Rand Paul  
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Dear Mrs. Smith,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty. I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this issue.

In 2009, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reversed the Bush Administration's stance and said the United States government would be open to talks regarding a United Nations (UN) Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). UN delegates have been pushing for international standards to control the import, export and transfer of conventional weapons, including small arms such as handguns and rifles, for many years. ATT has the possibility of threatening regulations on private firearms ownership within the United States.

In February 2012, UN delegates completed their final round of preparation talks to discuss how the negotiations of ATT will take place before talks begin in July 2012.

There are many in Washington who give lip service to the Second Amendment, but vote to restrict gun ownership once they begin serving in public office. Gun control laws only restrict access to responsible gun ownership. I remain opposed to this and to any other gun control laws. I stand fully behind the Second Amendment and our national sovereignty.

Though there are no guarantees President Obama will sign any potential ATT, but should ATT come before the Senate for ratification I will vote against it.

In hopes of preventing the U.S. from participating in the negotiations, Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) introduced, and I cosponsored, the Second Amendment Sovereignty Act of 2012 (S. 2205). This legislation would prohibit funding from the United States to be used in any connection with the negotiation of ATT.

S. 2205 has been referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which I am not a member, where it awaits further consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rand Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rand Paul, MD  
United States Senator