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**Heller Applauds Justice Department’s Proposed Rule to Ban Bump Stocks**
*Heller Urged Review of Obama-Era Ruling on Bump Stocks Following Las Vegas Shooting*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) today applauded the Department of Justice (DOJ) for issuing a proposed rule that will ban bump stocks, a device used by the Las Vegas gunman, following a mandatory comment period. [This DOJ decision comes after Heller led a group of Senators in urging the Trump Administration](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=5938F763-173F-42D9-97F8-6BB6C985E039) to review the Obama Administration decision on bump stocks and issue its own interpretation.

The proposed rule will clarify that bump stocks fall within the definition of “machinegun” under federal law and thus are prohibited. Once published in the Federal Register there will be a 90-day comment period for the proposed rule.

“I applaud the Department of Justice for issuing a proposed rule that will ban bump stocks,” **said Heller.** “The October 1st tragedy brought to light the use of these devices and that’s why I pushed the Administration to swiftly review an Obama-era decision that permitted the sale of bump stocks and issue its own interpretation. A new Las Vegas has risen since that horrific night, but six months later many of our friends, loved ones, and neighbors are still experiencing grief. I will continue to monitor this process during the 90-day comment period and work with the Administration to ensure a bump stock ban is enacted.”

Following the October 1, 2017 shooting in Las Vegas, Sen. Heller spoke with President Trump about bump stocks and [urged the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to swiftly review an Obama Administration decision](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=5938F763-173F-42D9-97F8-6BB6C985E039) that permitted the sale of bump stock devices and issue its own interpretation. Heller’s letter to the ATF is available [HERE](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/95c39aa7-7793-4eb7-940e-210de958049c/Letter%2010062017.pdf).

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