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Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input into the revised regulatory process for the ATF Form 5320.4 also known as Form 4.

As a member of the public I strongly urge the federal government to remove the requirements to submit a photograph and fingerprints for the Form 4 background check. Prior to the adoption of ATF Final Rule 41F/41P applicants could apply through a trust that would not require these invasive personal biometric data.

It is concerning that once an applicant has submitted an application with a photograph, fingerprints and other data that these data are being kept indefinitely by the FBI or other government agencies. Members of the public applying through a Form 1 and Form 4 submittal are overwhelmingly not criminals and we should not be treated as such. Neither should the government be keeping secret lists of gun owners. These requirements are burdensome to personal privacy and represent government overreach that are ripe for abuse.

I recommend that the ATF remove requirements to submit a photograph and fingerprints. I also recommend that the ATF remove any fingerprint or photograph data obtained from prior applications as the role of the federal government is not to conduct mass public surveillance for individuals who are trying to exercise their Constitutional Second Amendment civil rights.