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Dear Governor Haley,

I am a decorated combat veteran who served six years as a Combat Engineer and did a tour of Afghanistan in 2010-2011 as a route clearance package. I am opposed to the banning of the M855 Ammo. The ban that the BATFE is currently trying on the M855 claims that it is an AP or armor piercing round. That is incorrect by the BATFE's definition due to the fact that it has a lead core. Also to go along with that in 2013 according to the FBI's list of murdered police officers, which numbered 27, only 5 were murdered with a rifle. Of those 5 only 2 were killed by .223/5.56 rifles and 0 were killed due to their body armor being penetrated by these rifles. Since 2004 only 3 officers have lost their lives to .223/5.56 rifles none of those reports indicated the M855 round was used. If police officers getting killed by rounds penetrating their armor then the armor needs to be changed not ammo banned. Most officers wear Level IIIA body armor or below which is not rated to stop ANY rifle rounds. So if you are truly concerned about their safety then their armor needs to be capable of stopping rifle rounds. As I stated earlier I served for my country for the freedoms that this great country provides us. I don't appreciate it when my rights, that I have paid for in blood, are being trampled on by some notion, lacking true factual data, that the M855 is dangerous to law enforcement.

Sincerely,  
Taylor Cooper