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Dear Mr. Savage:

This responds to your letter dated August 2, 2010, that you submitted to the Firearms Technology Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), with a Mossberg, Model 500 "Cruiser" 12 gauge firearm. You requested classification of this firearm to verify that it is outside the purview of the National Firearms Act (NFA).

Pursuant to the NFA, the term "any other weapon" is defined, in part, as "any weapon or device capable of being concealed on the person from which a shot can be discharged through the energy of an explosive...." Please note that if the submitted firearm is concealed on a person, the following classification may change.

The submitted firearm (serial number T697141) was originally manufactured with a pistol grip in place of a shoulder stock. The original Mossberg barrel was replaced with a barrel with a length of approximately 17 inches, and the firearm has an overall length of approximately 26 ¼ inches. After examination, we have determined that, although it is a firearm subject to the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA), it is not a "firearm" as defined by the NFA. Note further that this classification pertains to this type of firearm and its classification under Federal law. We recommend you check with the state in which you intend to make and sell this weapon and verify if it complies with state law and regulations.

You also state in your letter that you intend to use various receiver manufacturer makes, models and calibers or gauges. Please understand that our classification is based on the item that was submitted. Any changes or alterations that you make could change the original classification. If you intend to deviate from your initial submission, FTB recommends that you submit future prototypes for our review.

