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Re: Congressional request for executive clemency on behalf of a Service Member prosecuted by the Biden era Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Dear Mr. Martin,

We, the undersigned Members of Congress, respectfully request that you work with President Donald Trump to give fair consideration to a commutation request for Patrick “Tate” Adamiak. We believe that certain inconsistencies in the regulatory framework applied in his case as well as the broader enforcement environment at the time warrant careful review and consideration for executive clemency.

Mr. Adamiak served on active duty in the United States Navy and maintained a well-documented interest in military history and the lawful collection of historic artifacts, replicas, and training devices. The items of concern in his case were inert collector pieces, nonfunctional replicas, and training aids that were incapable of firing. Under a straightforward reading of federal statute and 27 C.F.R. § 478.11,¹ such items do not meet the standard of a “firearm.” Historically, these categories of objects have been treated as exempt from federal firearm regulations because they are designed and possessed as non-weapon training devices or replica artifacts.²

This case involved no violence, victims, or criminal misuse of any weapon. Instead, the charges stemmed from regulatory interpretations and classification decisions that treated

¹ <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-27/chapter-II/subchapter-B/part-478/subpart-B/section-478.11#:~:text=Any%20weapon%2C%20including,frame%20or%20receiver%E2%80%9D.>

² [A complete list of our 30 stories about Patrick 'Tate' Adamiak](#)

nonfunctional collector items as regulated firearms. Mr. Adamiak has been incarcerated since October 21, 2022, and is serving a 20-year federal sentence—an exceptionally severe outcome for a nonviolent case centered on regulatory interpretation rather than harmful conduct.

His prosecution occurred under the Biden Administration, when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) implemented a series of expanded and draconian regulatory approaches to firearm regulation. These shifts occurred at a time when legislative changes could not be secured through Congress, resulting in an administrative posture that was both unusually aggressive and rapidly changing. Under President Trump’s leadership, several of these policies have since been reconsidered, modified, or withdrawn.^{3 4} This evolution raises reasonable questions about whether Mr. Adamiak’s case may have been influenced by an enforcement environment that no longer reflects current federal policy or priorities.

It is also notable that, despite the conviction, Mr. Adamiak received a full honorable discharge from the United States Navy. This determination speaks highly of his character, service record, and standing within the military community. As a result of this conviction, Mr. Adamiak has lost his freedom, military career, and his constitutional rights have been impinged.

President Trump has shown previous interest in addressing these types of cases with the pardon of Mr. James Michael Klos, who was persecuted by the ATF for unregistered firearm possession.⁵ Given the nonviolent nature of the case, the absence of victims, the characteristics of the items involved, and the shifting regulatory landscape, we believe that his circumstances merit thoughtful review and if appropriate a commutation of his sentence.

On behalf of his family, his community, and Americans concerned about consistency in the application of federal law, we respectfully urge your full and fair consideration of Mr. Adamiak’s pending petition for executive clemency for a commutation of his remaining federal sentence.

We appreciate your attention to this request and your continued commitment to justice and fairness for the American people.

Respectfully,

³ [Federal Register :: Protecting Second Amendment Rights](#)

⁴ [ATF's New Era of Reform | ATF](#)

⁵ [2026-01-15 Pardon Warrant James Michael Klos](#)



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