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Dear (b) (6)

It has come to our attention via an article titled, "*Gear Review: Gear Head Works Tailhook Pistol Braces*," on the website www.thetruthaboutguns.com, regarding your previously-approved stabilizing braces in Firearms Technology Industries Services Branch (FTISB) letters 304679, dated October 3, 2016, and 304511, dated January 18, 2017, that "length of pull" is stated to be between 10.125-12.75 inches on AR-type pistols.

FTISB maintains that "length of pull" is a measurement found on shoulder-fired weapons, generally measured from the center of the trigger to the center of the buttplate/buttstock. FTISB research has determined the average length of pull found on shoulder-fired weapons is approximately 13.5-14.5 inches.

Therefore, FTISB finds that if installation of a stabilizing brace on a pistol results in a "length of pull" similar to those of shoulder-fired weapons such as shotguns and rifles and the brace provides a surface suitable to rest against the shoulder; then such device has the characteristics of a shoulder fired weapon.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, Firearms Technology Industry Services Branch