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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on __________

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1  Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2  tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3  SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4  This Act may be cited as the “Freedom of Commerce
5  Act”.

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SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO SWITCH-BLADE KNIVES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Act entitled “An Act to prohibit the introduction, or manufacture for introduction, into interstate commerce of switchblade knives, and for other purposes”, approved August 12, 1958 (commonly known as the “Federal Switchblade Act”; 15 U.S.C. 1241 et seq.), is amended by striking sections 1 through 4.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 83 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 1716—

(A) by striking subsection (g);

(B) by redesignating subsections (h) through (k) as subsections (g) through (j), respectively; and

(C) by striking subsection (h), as so redesignated, and inserting the following:

“(h)(1) All ballistic knives are nonmailable and shall not be deposited in or carried by the mails or delivered by any officer or employee of the Postal Service. Such knives may be conveyed in the mails, under such regulations as the Postal Service shall prescribe—

“(A) to civilian or Armed Forces supply or procurement officers and employees of the Federal Government ordering, procuring, or purchasing such
knives in connection with the activities of the Federal Government;

“(B) to supply or procurement officers of the National Guard, the Air National Guard, or militia of a State ordering, procuring, or purchasing such knives in connection with the activities of such organizations;

“(C) to supply or procurement officers or employees of any State, or any political subdivision of a State or Territory, ordering, procuring, or purchasing such knives in connection with the activities of such government; and

“(D) to manufacturers of such knives or bona fide dealers therein in connection with any shipment made pursuant to an order from any person designated in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C).

“(2) As used in this subsection, the term ‘ballistic knife’ means a knife with a detachable blade that is propelled by a spring-operated mechanism.”; and

(2) in section 1716E(i), by striking “section 1716(k)” and inserting “section 1716(j)”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section—

(1) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and
(2) shall not apply with respect to any indictment, conviction, sentencing, appeal, civil or criminal fine or penalty obtained, forfeiture obtained, term of imprisonment, or any other enforcement action or proceeding occurring or commenced before the date of enactment of this Act.