

## IMPORTANT -- FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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### IRS Statement

IRS Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI) is the federal law enforcement arm of the IRS. Similar to other law enforcement agencies, IRS-CI purchases and uses firearms and other related equipment to safely and effectively work investigations. CI special agents have been using weapons throughout their history as they have consistently found themselves investigating the most dangerous criminals involved in organized crime, drugs and gangs. These types of cases are typically worked in conjunction with other state and federal law enforcement agencies. Firearms and equipment are also used for training purposes. Special agents are required to train and qualify for their weapons and must participate in quarterly trainings to maintain proficiency.

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Adam Andrzejewski, a senior policy contributor at *Forbes*. We are working on a piece quantifying the guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment purchased in the executive agencies during 2015-2019. **My deadline for comment is today, January 27th at 2pm EST.**

If you miss our deadline, we will do our best to update the piece after you respond. All amounts and details referenced in the piece were captured via an open records posted at [USAspending.gov](http://USAspending.gov).

Here's the paragraph where your agency is mentioned in the piece:

The Internal Revenue Service, with its 2,159 "Special Agents," spent \$21.3 million on guns, ammunition and military-style equipment between fiscal years 2006 and 2019. The agency stockpiled 4,500 guns and five million rounds of ammunition.

**Any context, feedback, or comment would be important to our readers at Forbes.**

Sincerely,

Adam

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