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Biden Targets Guns

A new ATF nominee and added regulations won't do a thing to reduce crime.

Not yet three months into his only presidential term, Joe Biden last April announced six incremental executive orders to infringe upon the Second Amendment. For the second year in a row, just ahead of our Patriots' Day commemoration of the battle of Lexington and Concord and the "shot heard 'round the world," he's at it again with two announcements: a new ATF nominee and more gun regulations.

Biden pulled his nomination of David Chipman to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives last September, complaining that "Republicans in Congress have made clear that they intend to use gun crime as a political talking point instead of taking serious steps to address it." The truth is Chipman is what Thomas Gallatin called an anti-gun fox who has no business guarding the hen house of Americans' Second Amendment rights, and he couldn't garner the necessary Senate support for confirmation.

Meet the new boss, same as the old boss? Biden announced Monday that he's nominating Steve Dettelbach, former federal attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, to head the ATF — or the "AFT," as Biden persistently referred to it yesterday. Dettelbach, endorsed by Michael Bloomberg's gun-grabbing group Everytown for Gun Safety, certainly sounded Biden's preferred note about "gun violence."

"As we emerge from this pandemic, we've got to recognize that many Americans still face fear and isolation, not because of a virus but because of an epidemic of firearms violence," Dettelbach declared. "It's not a new problem, and it has many causes. That's why it's going to take an all-hands-on-deck partnership approach to address that issue and the ATF will be there."

Blaming guns for violence means he's exactly the wrong guy for the job. Fortunately, he faces the same long odds that all but one ATF nominee (in 2013) has faced since 2006, when the position became one requiring Senate confirmation.

That brings us to the scary specter of "ghost guns." That term is, of course, a totally fabricated name designed to trigger fear, not to accurately describe anything. Try to contain your surprise that a party constantly hand-wringing about "assault weapons" would deliberately misname something for political gain.

So-called "ghost guns" are simply guns composed of parts, often 3D printed, that can be legally made or purchased and assembled by the maker or buyer. Buying a lower receiver requires a background check, and any functional gun requires a lower receiver.

Biden plans to regulate these guns by expanding the definition of a "gun" to include more of the unfinished parts, which he says must now include serial numbers and background checks for buyers. He called for "outright banning the sale and possession of un-serialized guns," right after he reiterated his tired demand that Congress once again "ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines" and right before he demanded that gun manufacturers be stripped of any liability protection.

"These guns are weapons of choice for many criminals," Biden tells us, leaving unexplained why so many criminals are on the loose making and buying gun parts. Hint: They're primarily gang bangers in Democrat urban centers, and they're often released from prison by lax Democrat prosecutors. And just like the Democrats' phony "assault weapons" ban back in 1994, banning so-called "ghost guns" won't do anything to reduce crime among these Democrat constituents because guns have little to do with the source of the crime.

It's not as if murder is legal, and it's not as if a career criminal is going to be thwarted when he suddenly realizes he forgot to stamp his 3D gun barrel with a serial number.

There are basically two ways to stop crime. First is enforcement of laws already on the books, not creating new laws about specific parts of things. Second is getting out of the way of an armed citizenry — law-abiding folks ready to defend themselves and others against criminal violence.

Biden talks a good game now about police. "The answer is not to defund the police," he said Monday. "It's to fund the police and give them the tools and training to support." But he and his party did a lot of damage, primarily in 2020 after George Floyd's death, that has crime soaring. Trotting out old gun control ideas isn't going to do anything but serve as another unconstitutional power grab at the expense of law-abiding citizens.

As a final note, we're not exactly inclined to entrust good gun laws or practices to the guy who infamously advised that the best way to deter an intruder at your home is to "fire the shotgun through the door." Or who says he told his wife to pull out that "double-barrel shotgun and fire two blasts outside the house." Joe Biden is a clown, but he is coming for your Second Amendment rights.

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**LIBERTY NOTES***By Kevin L. Jamison*

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

In 1939 the Soviet Union invaded Finland. It is said that a Finnish border guard gazed at the invading horde and said, "So many Russians, where will we bury them all?" Today the Ukraine has the same problem.

Nearly 20 years ago a client was stopped for speeding. He had one of the early concealed carry licenses and this led to the question. "Did he have a gun?" He had three guns and the officer announced that his license only allowed him to have one gun. This was not true but the officer did not know it. The officer gave him a speeding ticket, seized the three guns, and sent him on his way. The client asked for his guns back the next day and the department refused to discuss it. It had no right to take the guns and no right to keep the guns. It just refused to discuss giving them back. My client sued in federal court for the return of his property and money damages. The result was satisfactory.

Another client called the police when her boyfriend threatened her with a gun. The police arrested him and seized his gun; and her gun which was not involved in the case. They refused to discuss returning the gun. Nasty legal threats resolved the problem.

Missouri law at 571.095 requires guns to be returned to the legal owner at the end of a case, unless the owner has been convicted of a felony. I have seen many cases in which this requirement is ignored, there is no penalty. Prosecutor offices have told me it is their policy not to return guns. I'm sure this is a perfectly adorable policy written in cute type. However, it is unconstitutional to deprive persons of property without due process of law. The motto of my law school class was "Sue the B*st*ards." I think we should sue the b*st*ards; and spell it correctly.

Some say that since our guns are concealed, the police will never know. I have read cases from over one-hundred years of police discovering concealed weapons. New York used to have a police section devoted to finding people on the street carrying guns. There are specific indicators of carrying a concealed weapon. A jacket that sags to one side, the carrier touches and adjusts the gun. These may indicate other, unrelated, matters, which is why the group was disbanded. Statistically it must uncover a certain number of concealed weapons. This is why these indicators live on in police training.

At the Oscars ceremony comedian Chris Rock made a joke concerning Jada Smith. Her husband, Will Smith, thought this minor joke was an insult and rose to defend his wife. This is admirable, if excessive in the execution. He slapped Chris Rock. He then returned to his seat and there were no immediate consequences. In the aftermath this slap became a major news story. Some idiot talking heads said that Mr. Smith was not arrested because it was only a slap and that if it had been a punch, it would have been assault. I wish that people who did not know what they were talking about would stop talking. Assault is defined, generally, as an attempt to commit a battery. Battery is defined, generally, as harmful, or offensive touching. The Bible says that if someone slaps you on one cheek; offer him the other (because a slap is only an insult). Much of our law is Biblically based, but we are not a theocracy. A slap is an insult, which is offensive conduct. Mr. Smith could have been arrested for common-law assault and battery. This is a misdemeanor. Mr. Rock did not consider it to be worthy of a complaint. Is the slap bad behavior? Certainly. This is important only because it occurred between famous people, during a famous event and on national television.

Will Smith posted an apology saying that the slap had no place in a world of peace and love. I agree but am alarmed that he thinks he is living in such a world.

A Rand Corporation analysis of 27,900 studies which supported gun rights restrictions only 123 used scientific methods. Even those few did not support restrictions. Remember this when confronted with the latest "study." When they use a small sample, manipulate definitions, use selective data and decide the desired result before gathering data; anything can be proven. There is a book, "How to Lie With Statistics" which everyone involved with our movement should read. It will help understand the tricks used by the usual suspects. It is commonly claimed that there is one school shooting a week. They come to this statistic by claiming any shooting in the vicinity of a school is a school shooting. The shooting could be between gangs or as part of a robbery and have nothing to do with a school, but it pads their statistics. We are often told that it is many times more likely to have a gun in the home kill a family member than kill an intruder. The first such study had many flaws. First, home intruders are seldom killed. They are repelled, captured, wounded, but seldom killed. The comparison is meaningless. Second, the families selected for the "study" were already in the system for one reason or another. They were not average families but families that had received official attention for one reason or another. Third, the sample included only a few hundred families. Extrapolating this sample to the entire country is invalid. Lastly, the gun used to kill a family member belonged to the family in only two instances. "How to Lie With Statistics" is a very slender but very important book.

A recent study claiming that guns in the home are more dangerous to the family than intruders announces that it found no defensive gun uses. All of us have read of defensive gun uses. Anyone doing a legitimate study could not help but find some defensive uses. Unless of course the study was designed to find an anti-gun result.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association has not run an article on trapping in many years. Anyone with experience in this area should contact the newsletter editor.

Everyone stop what you are doing. Check the expiration date of your license to carry. I will wait. There is a financial penalty for late renewals. If your license expires it turns into a pumpkin. It is a federal crime to carry a gun through a school zone unless you have a license issued by the state the school is in. This should be a warning to people carrying under the permitless or constitutional law.

While you have your wallet open, you should also check to see when your driver's license expires.

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Jimenez Arms in Arizona made a good quality low cost handgun. It was driven into bankruptcy by a lawsuit filed by the City of Kansas City and Everytown for Gun Safety. The plaintiffs claimed the company dumped guns in Kansas City, selling them to illegal dealers, and this causes our crime rate. According to my information an illegal dealer forged paperwork showing that he was the agent for a local gunshop. The company bought his story and shipped him guns. The company re-incorporated and was granted a license to manufacture handguns. Everytown for Gun Safety sued to revoke the new license and was successful. This creates a new legal front gun dealers must defend. The usual suspects can sue random gun shops. Few shops go through an ATF inspection without violations. Even if they successfully defeat the lawsuit against their license, it is another way to sue them into bankruptcy.

Twenty-five states now have Constitutional Carry. More states are on the verge of passing Constitutional Carry.

The Red Cross reports a severe blood shortage. There is always a blood shortage in the winter and the pandemic and economic problems have made it worse. Give a little blood and wear your Second Amendment shirt or button when you do.

In the words of two great time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"
We shall overcome.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HERMANN AREA YOUTH DEER HUNT

K. L. Jamison

The Hermann Area Youth Deer Hunt Association sponsors a yearly deer hunt in south Missouri. The entire community is involved. The Hermann Rod & Gun Club provides facilities. Merchants provide prizes and food. It becomes a party. Parents bring their children out to hunt their first deer and start a lifetime of shooting sports.

The beauty is that the group did not wait for a large national organization to step in and get it started. A small group of sportsmen wanted to encourage young people to join the hunting community. They didn't talk about getting kids away from their video games; they just did it. They have twice given presentations to the Missouri Sport Shooting Association. There is no question it is a major production now. It must have started, as all things do, with a few persons finding ways to attract young people to the shooting sports.

Every gun club should start a project like this. Some will fail at first. This should not stop us. We adjust our aim and move on. If we cannot hold a deer hunt, hold a trap shoot, if that is not possible set up a gallery to shoot .22's at cartons taken from video games. If this is not possible, use BB guns. Take kids fishing.

The result will be a generation that values the outdoors and the shooting sports. They will carry our movement onward. They will be voters. They will influence others. They will be NRA instructors. In the fullness of time one may be the Executive Vice President of the NRA. We will be able to brag that we knew them when and got them started.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.

"The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere."

—Thomas Jefferson

"Those who seek absolute power, even though they seek it to do what they regard as good, are simply demanding the right to enforce their own version of heaven on earth, and let me remind you they are the very ones who always create the most hellish tyranny."

—Barry Goldwater

"This country is owned by We the People. We wrote a Constitution. We put down what we wanted to put in it. We can amend it when we wish. And it is not up to nine people to tell 330 million Americans how to live."

—Justice Neil Gorsuch

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ATF Targeting FFLs for License Revocation

At the direction of the Biden administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”) appears to be revoking the licenses of firearm dealers for even minor paperwork violations.

On June 23, 2021, the “Biden-Harris Administration” announced a new policy of “zero tolerance for rogue gun dealers that willfully violate the law.” The policy further specified that “[a]bsent extraordinary circumstances that would need to be justified to the Director, ATF will seek to revoke the licenses of dealers the first time that they violate federal law . . .” for certain specified violations.

Despite changing decades of agency practice regarding when license revocation is appropriate, this policy was never made available to the public for comment or published in the federal register. It simply appeared on the White House’s website.

Then, last December, ATF updated its *Federal Firearms Licensee Quick Reference and Best Practices Guide*. The updated guide makes clear that “ATF will, absent extraordinary circumstances, initiate proceedings to revoke the license of any dealer that has committed a willful regulatory violation of the Gun Control Act (GCA) for specified violations.”

The Quick Reference Guide goes on to outline circumstances for revocation. Absent extraordinary circumstances, ATF will issue a notice of revocation whenever it determines an FFL has willfully committed a single act of one of the following violations:

1. Transferring a firearm to a prohibited person
2. Failing to conduct a required background check
3. Falsifying records, such as a firearms transaction form
4. Failing to respond to a trace request
5. Refusing to permit ATF to conduct an inspection

Other willful violations that may result in the issuance of a notice of revocation include but are not limited to failure to:

1. Account for firearms
2. Verify and document buyer eligibility
3. Maintain records needed for successful firearms tracing
4. Report multiple sales of handguns

While some of these may be serious violations that warrant revocation, many will be simple paperwork errors. Notably, “falsifying records” is a very broad category that can include making simple errors on the Form 4473, and “failing to respond to a trace request” could result from simply missing an attempted contact by ATF.

The new “zero tolerance” policy has a clear aim of reducing the number of federally licensed dealers, which will in turn make it more difficult for law-abiding Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

If you are a licensed dealer, and you believe that you have been targeted under the Biden Administration’s new policy, please contact NRA at atfzerotolerance@nrahq.org.

Biden Chooses to Rinse and Repeat with New ATF Nominee

The Biden Administration announced the nomination of Steven Dettelbach as the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”), subject to Senate confirmation. With Dettelbach’s nomination, President Biden has chosen to double-down on his attempt to put a gun control advocate in charge of the agency responsible for regulating America’s firearms industry.

David Chipman, Biden’s first nominee to head the ATF, failed to achieve enough support in the Senate to be confirmed. After a long campaign by the NRA that featured TV and digital ads, millions of text messages and pieces of mail, town halls in critical states, and an intense lobbying campaign, the Biden Administration withdrew Chipman’s nomination.

Like Chipman, Dettelbach is a dedicated gun controller with a background that proves he would be neither fair nor objective as head of ATF. When running for Ohio Attorney General in 2018, Dettelbach endorsed gun bans, restrictions on lawful firearm transfers, and further expansion of prohibitions on who can lawfully possess a firearm. In short, it’s unclear what gun control measures Dettelbach doesn’t support.

This led NRA-PVF to award Dettelbach an “F” for his positions on the right to keep and bear arms. Notably, Michael Bloomberg’s astroturf gun control group Everytown for Gun Safety (David Chipman’s former employer) endorsed Dettelbach in his bid to become Ohio’s Attorney General.

Ohio voters wisely rejected Dettelbach and his gun control promises in 2018. But, Dettelbach’s unpopular views on the Second Amendment put him in line with the most anti-gun presidential administration in American history.

It will once again be up to gun owners to make clear that a failed anti-gun politician has no more place at the head of the ATF than a failed anti-gun lobbyist. Please contact your U.S. Senators using the link below, and respectfully encourage them to oppose Dettelbach’s nomination.

“The aim of public education is not to spread enlightenment at all; it is simply to reduce as many individuals as possible to the same safe level, to breed a standard citizenry, to put down dissent and originality.”

—H. L. Mencken



The Gun Registry That Isn't — At Least Not Yet

When "fact-checkers" are put on the case, you may not be far from the truth.

Separate gun-related claims from Gun Owners of America and Ohio U.S. Senate candidate (and *Hillbilly Elegy* author) J.D. Vance drew "fact-checks" from USA Today and PolitiFact, respectively. The GOA claim was rated as "missing context," while Vance's was simply "false." So what were the facts in contention?

Both the GOA and Vance were extrapolating from information revealing that the federal government is in possession of nearly one billion separate gun ownership records, much more than previously believed. "The ATF disclosed to lawmakers that it manages a database of 920,664,765 firearm purchase records, including both digital and hard copy versions of these transactions," The Washington Free Beacon recently reported. "When a licensed gun store goes out of business, its private records detailing gun transactions become ATF property and are stored at a federal site in West Virginia. The practice has contributed to the fears of gun advocacy groups and Second Amendment champions in Congress that the federal government is creating a national database of gun owners, which violates longstanding federal statutes."

Add to that the recent remarks from Joe Biden in the wake of the Texas synagogue hostage situation that he needed to do more to get guns off the streets and, well, people can add two plus two.

All this controversy started thanks to an earlier Free Beacon story that led to an inquiry by Texas Representative Michael Cloud regarding what are known as "out of business records" maintained by the ATF. The bureau's response revealed the vast expanse of the database, but insisted, "ATF is confident that it does not violate any laws." While current federal law allows gun sellers to purge records that are more than 20 years old, the Biden administration wishes to eliminate that ability to purge those records, requiring gun sellers to keep the records in perpetuity until they go out of business — at which point they are required to turn over their records to the ATF under current law.

When roughly 20 million guns were sold last year, it prompts a big question: How far back does the ATF have to go to reach nearly *one billion* records?

While the ATF protests its innocence, the last few years have seen several federal agencies go rogue in overstepping their legal boundaries. We don't have to rehash the litany here, but there's plenty of motive and opportunity here for mischief in an area that would be vital information for the government to have just on the off chance it would like to disarm a population.

Thus, it doesn't matter that USA Today "expert" Kristin Goss, a professor of public policy at Duke University, says that she has "seen no credible information that ATF is using the out-of-business records except for the intended, legal purpose of aiding in specific gun-trace requests associated with specific criminal investigations" because she's not at the agency or even an employee of the federal government. Hers is an assertion obviously subject to change with any new revelation in the story. In fact, aside from a pair of ATF employees who work in PR and public affairs, none of the "experts" cited by USA Today work for them. Most are in academia.

By the same token, when Vance says he'll "fight to end Biden's illegal gun database," he may be just a little ahead of the game. PolitiFact claims that, from Vance's point of view, "The argument is that it would be a short hop from simply holding the records to converting them into a comprehensive database." With that motive and opportunity alluded to above, Vance is making a reasonable assumption, as there's no reason to change the law allowing gun dealers to destroy their records after 20 years unless you wanted to start a registry — people aren't going to wait two decades to commit crimes with a gun just so the records will be destroyed (assuming the gun dealer doesn't go out of business and turn the data over to the feds in the meantime). Should Vance win this November, he may need to fight the fight before the Democrats leave office. (Also worth noting: PolitiFact uses two of the same "experts" that USA Today did to come up with its ruling.)

While the "fact-checkers" have the data on their side for the time being, the government has a well-established track record — *especially under Democrats* — of overstepping its bounds until it's stopped. Who knows how much closer the ATF would be to having an illegal registry database without Michael Cloud and the Free Beacon shining some light on its practices?

"If it be asked, What is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be, an inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws — the first growing out of the last... A sacred respect for the constitutional law is the vital principle, the sustaining energy of a free government."

—Alexander Hamilton

"Perhaps the president should reissue his executive order and say that all immigrants and refugees coming into the country must undergo more severe background checks just in case they want to purchase a firearm. The Left would really be in a bind then!"

—Gary Bauer

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States."

—Noah Webster



Why the Gun is Civilization

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Human beings only have two ways to deal with one another: reason and force. If you want me to do something for you, you have a choice of either convincing me via argument or force me to do your bidding under threat of force. Every human interaction falls into one of those two categories, without exception. Reason or force, that's it.

In a truly moral and civilized society, people exclusively interact through persuasion. Force has no place as a valid method of social interaction, and the only thing that removes force from the menu is the personal firearm, as paradoxical as it may sound to some. When I carry a gun, you cannot deal with me by force. You have to use reason and try to persuade me, because I have a way to negate your threat or employment of force. The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gangbanger, and a single gay guy on equal footing with a carload of drunk guys with baseball bats.

The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker and a defender. There are plenty of people who consider the gun as the source of bad force equations. These are the people who think that we'd be more civilized if all guns were removed from society, because a firearm makes it easier for a mugger to do his job. That, of course, is only true if the mugger's potential victims are mostly disarmed either by choice or by legislative fiat—it has no validity when most of a mugger's potential marks are armed.

People who argue for the banning of arms ask for automatic rule by the young, the strong, and the many, and that's the exact opposite of a civilized society. A mugger, even an armed one, can only make a successful living in a society where the state has granted him a force monopoly. Then there's the argument that the gun makes confrontations lethal that otherwise would only result in injury.

This argument is fallacious in several ways. Without guns involved, confrontations are won by the physically superior party inflicting overwhelming injury on the loser. People who think that fists, bats, sticks, or stones don't constitute lethal force watch too much TV, where people take beatings and come out of it with a bloody lip at worst. The fact that the gun makes lethal force easier works solely in favor of the weaker defender, not the stronger attacker. If both are armed, the field is level. The gun is the only weapon that's as lethal in the hands of an octogenarian as it is in the hands of a weightlifter. It simply wouldn't work as well as a force equalizer if it wasn't both lethal and easily employable. When I carry a gun, I don't do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I'm looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced, only persuaded. I don't carry it because I'm afraid, but because it enables me to be unafraid.

It doesn't limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force. It removes force from the equation ... and that's why carrying a gun is a civilized act. <http://jpfo.org/articles-assd02/marko.htm>

GOA will be Suing ATF over Rule Expanding Gun Registry, Regulating Gun Parts

The Biden administration is making an end-around the Congress and imposing its own gun control by fiat.

It's terrible ... it's tyrannical ... and GOA is fighting back.

GOA's Federal Director Aidan Johnston told you this week that we have a two-pronged strategy to defeat this. We will fight this in the courts. And we will use Senate procedures that allow us to bypass both the committee leadership and the filibuster requirement, thus forcing all Senators to vote on where they really stand.

In the meantime, GOA has been doing many TV and radio interviews to rally grassroots gun owners in opposition to this tyrannical rule.

I am forwarding Aidan's email from earlier this week. Please make sure to take action right away.

Your Senators and Representatives need to hear from you.

And then, if you can, please make sure to aid our efforts to continue reaching out to millions of more gun owners.

In case you missed Aidan's important email, I am including it below.

Thank you.
In Liberty,
Erich Pratt

"The notion that a radical is one who hates his country is naive and usually idiotic. He is, more likely, one who likes his country more than the rest of us, and is thus more disturbed than the rest of us when he sees it debauched. He is not a bad citizen turning to crime; he is a good citizen driven to despair."

—H. L. Mencken

"A republic is not an easy form of government to live under, and when the responsibility of citizenship is evaded, democracy decays and authoritarianism takes over."

-- Chief Justice Earl Warren

"We should never forget that everything Adolf Hitler did in Germany was 'legal' and everything the Hungarian freedom fighters did in Hungary was 'illegal.'"

--Dr. Martin Luther King



ATF Finalizes Rule Expanding Gun Registry, Regulating Gun Parts
ATF is at it again—rewriting federal law to create new gun control laws.
ATF Finalizes Rule Expanding Gun Registry, Regulating Gun Parts

What is About to Happen?

The Biden Administration is expected to publish its final rule to combat “ghost guns”—or privately made firearms which are currently legal right now.

The new rule will be entitled “Definition of ‘Frame or Receiver’ and Identification of Firearms,” but it will do far more than the White House is pretending.

GOA will analyze the differences between this final rule and the previously published proposed rule, but here is what we know already. The rule will:

- Allow ATF to end the online sale of gun parts at will (as Biden promised on the campaign trail).
- Mandate the serialization of many gun parts, forcing Americans to undergo a background check for a new legal “firearm” in order to repair or buy replacement parts for their guns.
- Require that 100% of Firearm Transaction Records from gun stores dating back to 2002 end up in ATF’s billion record gun registry.

You heard that right. Not only will this mean you have to do multiple background checks to build or repair a gun... And not only can Biden’s ATF ban the online sale of gun parts without a new law... This new rule is about *expanding* an already *billion-record* gun registry to eventually include EVERY SINGLE SALE at EVERY SINGLE GUN STORE since 2002.

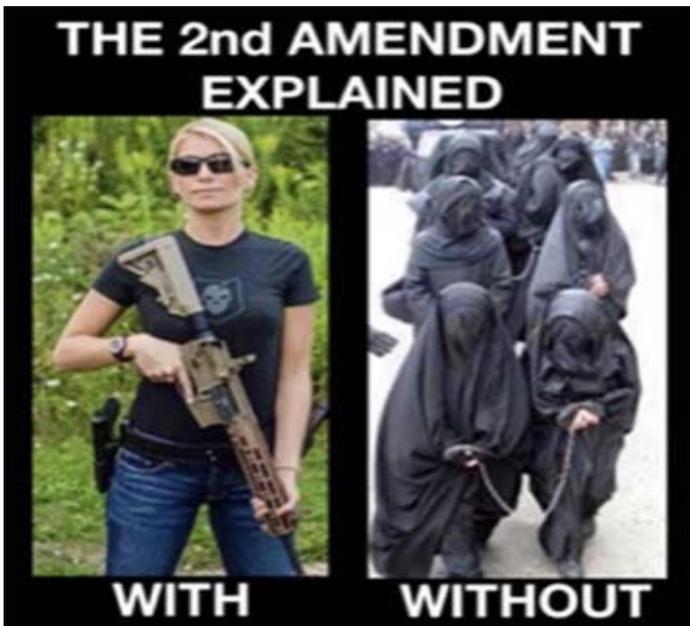
This is pure gun control—ultimately people control.

Thankfully, GOA’s team of attorneys and lobbyists has been preparing for this fight. We’ve known this was coming, since they announced this rule as a proposed rule back in May of 2021. We plan on fighting this tooth and nail in the courts, as well as, in the halls of Congress. A lawsuit is in the works, but we need your help.

But GOA doesn’t *only* rely on the court system to defend the Second Amendment, as its reactionary by nature.

That’s why GOA is working to force a vote in the Senate to strike down this rule using a procedure known as the Congressional Review Act.

Using the Congressional Review Act, 30 Senators can submit a petition that will force the Senate to vote on rejecting this rule, bypassing the powerful filibuster.



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ATF Sends Open Letter to FFL Holders Regarding Forced Reset Triggers

24 March, 2022, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) sent out a letter to all Federal Firearms License (FFL) holders advising of their new declarations related to Forced Reset Triggers (FRT). Short version of the message- they are machine guns, yes just the trigger parts are now considered to be machine guns by your friends at ATF. Lying in a drawer, or just held in your hand they are machine guns, all by themselves.

Forced Reset Triggers, seem to be mostly invented and put into the market by Rare Breed a bit over a year ago. The trigger is explained in the ATF letter: "These particular FRTs are being **marketed as replacement triggers** for AR-type firearms. Unlike traditional triggers and binary triggers (sometimes referred to generally as "FRTs"), the subject FRTs do not require shooters to pull and then subsequently release the trigger to fire a second shot. Instead, these FRTs utilize the firing cycle to eliminate the need for the shooter to release the trigger before a second shot is fired."

They go on to announce those FRTs are now considered to be machine guns-it is interesting they split out Binary triggers in the announcement and do not "currently" consider them to be evil machineguns, just the FRT triggers.

The Biden era battle with ATF vs Rare Breed kicked off last summer by serving a "Cease and Desist" order on the company, claiming the trigger was a "machine gun" within the definitions of the National Firearms Act (NFA) and the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA). Rare Breed denied the allegation and filed suit in federal district court. They asked the court to set aside or dismiss the ATF injunction, but the court did not agree to do so. The civil suit brought against ATF by Rare Breed was also dismissed after they missed a court deadline.

Rare Breed's position was their FRT trigger slaps forward after each shot and makes a forced reset each time the operator pulls the trigger. If they keep constant trigger pressure the device will return forward and allow an additional shot, and thus they believe it is not fully automatic under the law.

Two additional manufacturers brought FRT devices to the market last year as well, the WOT and the Graves V2 ART which resulted in Rare Breed bringing and winning a preliminary injunction for patent infringement in January of 2022 s against Wide Open Enterprises which stopped Big Daddy Enterprise from selling its popular forced reset triggers known as the Wide Open Trigger. Days later ATF raided both Rare Breed and Big Daddy Enterprises on 13 January, 2022.

Today's letter/announcement/proclamation/edict/non-legislated "law" explains FRT devices are now subject to the same registration, transfer, tax and possession laws in the NFA which apply to what we all think of as "real" machineguns.

Failure to comply with the NFA law by an individual can result in up to a \$10,000 fine and 10 years in jail not to mention confiscation and government seizure when they come a knocking. Under 18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(2), any person listed in Section 922 like a collector, manufacturer or transporter who violates Section 922(o) may be sent to prison for up to 10 years and fined up to \$250,000 per person or \$500,000 per organization.

ATF concludes today's letter to FFL's stating since they now consider these parts to be dastardly machineguns, they intend to "take appropriate remedial action with respect to sellers and possessors of these devices." They suggest anyone currently owning one of these FRTs contact their local ATF field office "for further guidance on how they may divest possession." Go now. Avoid the rush and those pesky knocks on the door later.

Anti-crime statistics for FRT devices of course remain at the recorded number of persons killed: 0 and used in crimes: 0.

Next up on the ATF calendar? Expect announcements on 80% finish yourself firearms/frames in April 2022, and they may be circling back around on wrist braces after being inundated with public comment on the topic earlier in the year...maybe just Biden their time on that one.

"If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time -- a tremendous whack."

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Bring your prospective new member to a General membership meeting and when the new member completes the membership application and pays their dues, you are handed a ticket, no charge! The drawing will be in January 2023, either at the RK Shows or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.

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