

## **Gun Controllers Seek to Ban Accurate Firearms, Inaccurate Firearms, and Everything In-between**

On May 18, Bloomberg Law reported that the Biden Administration was in the “final stages” of drafting a regulation to curb the use of pistol stabilizing braces. These commonly owned items attach to the rear of many configurations of popular semi-automatic pistols and help stabilize the pistol on a shooter’s arm so that they may effectively shoot the firearm with one hand. Pistol stabilizing braces are particularly valuable for differently abled shooters who may not have the use of two hands. According to Bloomberg Law, which is named for and owned by billionaire gun control financier Michael Bloomberg, the chief concern over these firearm accessories is that they “can make pistols more accurate and deadlier.”

That’s right, the primary anti-gun concern over pistol stabilizing braces is that these items may improve a firearm user’s ability to hit what they’re aiming at.

Consider the ethical ramifications of such an argument when taken at face value. Gun control advocates would have a person that is forced to defend themselves, their loved ones, and community from violent attack struggle to make a shot rather than have access to equipment that could help them resolve the matter in the most safe and efficient manner possible. Gun controllers’ goal of handicapping gun owners’ ability would make self-defense, target shooting, and hunting, more dangerous for everyone involved – including unrelated parties. The gun control position is depraved and ludicrous.

The anti-gun argument on stabilizing braces is even more absurd when placed in the context of the last half-century of gun control messaging. For decades, gun owners have been advised that certain firearms are unsuitable for civilian use because they are purportedly prone to inaccurate fire.

The supposed danger of inaccurate fire was a prominent feature of the gun control movement’s efforts to ban commonly owned semi-automatic firearms.

While pushing the 2013 version of her semi-auto ban, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) warned that these firearms enable imprecise fire, stating, “A pistol grip makes it easier for a shooter to rapidly pull the trigger, facilitates firing from the hip and allows a shooter to quickly move the weapon from side to side to spray a wider range.”

Pushing a state semi-auto ban in 2007, Brady Campaign President Paul Helmke wrote, “The bill focuses on the concealability and firepower of the weapons and on the design features that make possible deadly and indiscriminate ‘spray firing.’” A year later, the Brady Campaign website told readers, “Pistol grips on assault rifles and shotguns help stabilize the weapon during rapid fire and allow the shooter to spray-fire from the hip position.”

The purported inaccuracy of certain firearms was used in the gun control movement’s efforts to delegitimize and ban affordable handguns.

In a 1981 article for the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology titled, The Saturday Night Special: An Assessment of Alternative Definitions from a Policy Perspective, anti-gun academic Philip J. Cook argued in favor of the efficacy of a “ban on the manufacture and sale of small handguns.” In dismissing the legitimacy of inexpensive handguns, Cook claimed “Serious target shooters and hunters shun such weapons because they tend to be unreliable and highly inaccurate” and “Cheap, poor quality handguns are far from being ideal weapons for self-defense, because of their inaccuracy...”

In targeting the evil “Saturday night special,” an April 28, 1981 New York Times article explained, “many small caliber weapons are highly priced precision instruments used by amateurs for target practice. The guns that police officials say are most often used in street crime, in contrast, are usually inexpensive and inaccurate.”

A 1981 series of articles from Cox Newspapers, which were later reprinted as a compilation by Handgun Control, Inc. (now Brady), took aim at inexpensive handguns. In one piece, the media outlet described the target of their ire as “the snub-nosed killer: a subspecies of feather-light, extra-short handguns that are inaccurate beyond the range of a card table.”

On November 23, 1981, the Washington Post published an editorial that demanded “Ban the Snubbies.” The Post cited these small handguns’ supposed inaccuracy as a reason to ban them, noting, “‘Snubbies,’ as they are called, are frequently expensive and of relatively high quality. But regardless of the price, their short barrels mean inaccuracy at anything beyond point-blank range. They should therefore be of little interest to legitimate hunters, hobbyists and target-shooters.”

In a March 13, 1988 commentary for the Washington Post, Maryland Attorney General Joseph Curran Jr. echoed the standard gun control line against inexpensive handguns. The politician lamented, “Saturday Night Specials are cheap, poorly constructed handguns. They are useless for sport or law enforcement because they are inaccurate...”

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence President Michael K. Bear ar-

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gued for ban on inexpensive handguns before the House Judiciary Committee on April 26, 1990. Beard explained, "The characteristics of Saturday Night Specials are that they are cheap, easily concealed, inaccurate and of no sporting value." Also arguing in favor of the ban was James Brady, who complained that with these handguns "the only way to hit a target is to hold the gun directly to it."

So, which is it? Are gun control advocates concerned about firearms that facilitate accurate fire, or those purported to enable inaccurate fire?

The answer is both and everything in-between.

Gun control advocates have only one coherent position: total civilian disarmament. Any argument that gun controllers might adopt in any given circumstance is in service to this goal. Internal logic be damned.

At present, gun control advocates and anti-gun politicians sense there is an opening to ban firearms equipped with pistol stabilizing braces by executive fiat – hence the improved accuracy complaint. In the future, anti-gun activists will no doubt rehash their tired "indiscriminate," "spray-fire," and "from the hip" arguments to target commonly owned semi-automatic firearms. Gun owners should let these contradicting and opportunistic arguments highlight the gun control movement's only real concern: banning all firearms.

## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

Rally Day was a success. It must be considered a great success considering it was brought off on such a short fuse. There were about 150 people in attendance. Fifteen political leaders spoke.

I am going to shoot my mask. Not right away, but I will do so. I will shoot it with 45 ACP and 12 gauge and 30-06. I'll put up with it so long as doctors I know and trust say they are helpful but when they no longer do so there will a mask firing squad.

There was a shootout in Swope Park. Kansas City Police founds hundreds of empty shell casings. One person was injured. Bad guys are bad shots. They use guns with enthusiasm but rarely with training or practice. Those of us who have had training and do practice have a certain advantage. Our disadvantage is the criminal has thought about this in advance. He is without conscience, remorse or hesitation. The more training and practice we have the better our chance or emerge victorious. They do not expect resistance. Surprise is our advantage.

Next year the Missouri Department of Conservation will issue five permits for a bull elk archery season 16-24 October of 2021 and a firearms season 11-19 December. One permit will be reserved for persons owning 20 acres in Carter, Reynolds, or Shannon counties. The other four will be in a drawing available to Missouri residents. Applicants must be at least 11 years old by the first day of the hunt. They must have their hunter-education certificate or exempt by being born before 1 January, 1967. Apply online at [MDC.mo.gov/buypermits](http://MDC.mo.gov/buypermits) or by calling 1-800-392-4115.

An editorial in the local tabloid recounts what it considers a fortunate result to a misunderstanding. A driver saw a man following him. Alarmed, he continued to his destination only to find his stalker in the same parking lot. He drew his gun and confronted the stalker. The two men soon realized that they knew each other from a music video. They then found that they were headed for the same destination and the entire matter was simply chance. My reaction was that no competent self-defense instructor would ever counsel going to the danger. This is a legally and tactically stupid move. Moving away from a threat prevents misunderstandings and gunfights. A gunfight raises your chances of jail or injury from zero to something. Avoiding a gunfight, *that* is a fortunate result.

I've read "Blood Gun Money" by Ioan Grillo. The subtitle is "How America Arms Gangs and Cartels" and his argument continues that whatever is wrong in the world, be it Covid 19, global warming or tight underwear, we did it. He focuses on violence in Mexico which he blames on Texas gun shops. He makes a strong case that a great number of American guns end up in Mexico, but glances over that the US government provides aide to Mexican military and police. Many of these weapons end up in criminal hands. He does mention that guns from the German firm H & K have been diverted to criminal hands. He has spoken to a number of criminal gunmen. He recounts of the stories of many victims. This is an emotional hook to cause readers to accept the rest of his story. He occasionally mentions rocket propelled grenades in criminal hands. These are not sold in Texas gunshops. This indicates that the cartels have other sources of guns. He suggests that planes fly drugs north and return with guns. He mentions the enormous amount of money controlled by the cartels. The cartels did not become a 30 billion dollar a year business by buying \$800 semi-automatic AK 47s in Texas when it can get full auto AK 47s on the international market for \$100 a copy. He does mention leakage from official sources. The book Sicario was written by a cartel assassin who said that they could get as many guns as they wanted from official sources. He also pointed out that guns coming from Texas must come through Mexican customs, which the cartels control. Still he says that if we restrict our rights, violence in Mexico will decline. The cartels can buy whatever and whomever they please. He is dreaming. He denies that firearms are commonly used in self-defense claiming that 35 murders are committed for every criminal killed. This may be true, it is also irrelevant. The purpose of self-defense is not to kill the criminal, it is to stop him. Pointing a gun at a criminal usually causes him to surrender or run. They are bullies not gunfighters. It is necessary to fire only in a minority of cases and that does

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not always kill; they survive to go to prison. Criminals are killed in about one of every 10,000 defensive gun uses. When I ran a liquor store a suspicious character walked in, looked at the bulge under my vest, my NRA pin and my bright red "Fight Crime Shoot Back" button. He robbed a different store. These incidents are hard to work into statistics, but they count.

I may bayonet my mask. I have a bayonet collection and can do so repeatedly without repeating myself. I have a British spike bayonet which fits on the handle of a British entrenching tool. I can both bayonet my mask and bury it.

The Missouri Valley Arms Collector gunshow will be 24-25 July, 2021 at KCI. This is the largest show in our area and always has unusual items for display and sale.

A senator mentioned that one of the reasons we have guns is to rise up against a tyrannical government. An editorialist challenged him to mention such a rebellion other than the Whiskey Rebellion. I can mention a number of uprisings against tyrannical local government. The 1842 Dorr War in Rhode Island forced the state government to extend the vote beyond the wealthy class. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century miners attempted to unionize and the state sent the National Guard to arrest the leaders. A federal court ordered the prisoners released. The commander laughed and marched them back to prison. Someone commented "I guess we're not going by the Constitution anymore." That is a stupid thing to tell men who make a living with dynamite. The miners gathered weapons and the state government decided that the rule of law was not such a bad idea after all. The Battle of Athens in 1947 Tennessee famously pitted a veteran's reform party against the local political machine. The machine stole the ballot boxes and tried to intimidate the reformers. Men back from WW II were hard to intimidate. They lay siege to the courthouse and the machine considered flight to be the better course of action and the reformers prevailed. Condoleezza Rice writes that in her youth the KKK would ride through her neighborhood shooting to intimidate the Black community. Local government was in league with the kluckers. The NRA helped community leaders form a rifle club which entitled them to buy guns from the Director of Civilian Marksmanship (now CMP). The next time the kluckers rode people shot back and suddenly it was not fun anymore. These skim the surface. A review of the constitutional period shows that the Founders thought that the intimidation value of an armed citizenry would suffice.

I have a new machete. I can hack that mask to pieces, burn the pieces and bury the ashes. I would shoot them from a cannon, but I have no cannon.

The number of "sanctuary counties" continues to rise; as do the number of "stand your ground" states.

President Biden proclaimed a national day of prayer. If the government comes around to check make sure you have your story straight. Prayer is never a bad idea. I'm reminded that the Bible asks us to pray for political leaders. We should do so. We should pray that they gets their minds right. This may seem unlikely but I am reliably informed that the age of miracles is not over.

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

We shall overcome.

## HB 85 Missouri's Second Amendment Preservation Act

**The Second Amendment Preservation Act (HB 85) has passed both houses in the Missouri Legislature. It is now on the Governors desk for approval or veto. WMSA has no information on whether the Governor will sign or veto the legislation.**

**This is the ONLY firearms related bill to be passed by the legislature this year. HB 52 which allows Concealed Carry on Public Transporataton passed the House but died in the Senate. Maybe next year as it is an election year.**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### COURT NEWS

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Our rights have come up in the courts recently. Most prominently they have been accepted by the US Supreme Court. The case is the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association suit against the City of New York. The suit is a direct attack on the constitutionality of New York's "may issue" license to carry system. It is expected to be argued in the fall of this year.

The case may have a new development. The case of *Young vs Hawaii* involves facts that are if anything more extreme than the New York case. Those of us who enjoyed watching *Magnum P.I.* saw Tom Selleck conceal a full sized 1911 A1 under his Hawaiian shirt. When someone is built like Tom Selleck that is practically possible, but not legally possible. Hawaii has a "may issue" license to carry system. It never issues licenses, not even to TV detectives. New York will issue licenses to the rich or politically powerful; even if they are criminals. The City routinely has scandals involving its licensing system involving bribery. The Hawaiian case has been sent to the Supremes and if accepted it will reinforce the New York argument. Magnum PI is counting on it.

The NRA is funding the New York case. The Second Amendment Foundation is financing the Hawaii case. I have seen other organizations fund raising based on this Supreme Court Case. Those organizations may have funded their own cases but the Supreme Court case is NRA and SAF.

The Supremes just ruled 9 to 0 that the police can NOT seize guns based on a "caretaking" exception to the Fourth Amendment. The case involved seizing a man's guns for his own good. This may be used against proposed "red flag" laws.

The Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt is on an amicus brief in favor of the Second Amendment challenge.

Two trial courts have ruled that the Illinois Firearms Owner Identification Cards are unconstitutional. This may force the Illinois Supreme Court to weigh in.

The NRA petition for bankruptcy has been denied without prejudice. Without prejudice means that the NRA can file again. It would be very, very hard. The judge said that he was concerned that the NRA filed without informing its Board. There was evidence of financial improprieties and mismanagement. Evidence came out in the bankruptcy that will hurt the NRA in the dissolution action by the New York Attorney General. I was afraid of that.

The St. Louis couple who defended their home against a mob will be going to trial. They requested that the case be sent back to the grand jury to see if they would be indicted by a prosecutor who did not have a vested interest in the case. The motion was denied.

The St. Louis Prosecutor is being investigated for ethical violations related to her prosecution of former Governor Greitens. It is very rare for a prosecutor to be investigated much less punished. The prosecutor is one of the Soros supported prosecutors.

We may be on the verge of justice.

### **Idaho Joins Growing List of Second Amendment Sanctuary States Following Biden's Gun Orders**

Idaho has joined a growing list of states that have become "Second Amendment sanctuaries" in response to President Joe Biden's gun control push.

Oklahoma, Alaska, Kansas, Wyoming, and Arizona have passed similar legislation, and Texas is currently considering joining the movement.

Idaho passed a bill in 2014 prohibiting state agencies from using funds to enforce federal laws that contradicted the state's constitutional firearms protections, but the new legislation beefs up those protections in response to Biden's push to ban un-serialized firearms and regulate arm braces. It includes protections for "firearm components" and expands the list of banned federal actions to "treaties."

"All Idaho government entities are prohibited from using any personnel, funds, or other resources to enforce, administer, or support the enforcement of any executive order, agency order, treaty, law, rule, or regulation of the United States government enacted or promulgated on or after the effective date of this act upon a firearm, firearm component, firearm accessory, or ammunition if contrary to the provisions of Section 11, Article I of the constitution of the state of Idaho," the legislation states.

Idaho's new Second Amendment sanctuary provisions passed both chambers with veto-proof majorities, and went into effect yesterday when Gov. Brad Little signed the legislation, according to the Associated Press.

The Second Amendment sanctuary movement earned national attention in 2019 when over 90% of Virginia's counties and cities passed ordinances banning local funds from being used to enforce state gun-control orders. Counties in states across the country have followed suit, and Republican-led state legislatures have begun to join the movement as well in response to President Biden's gun control agenda.

In Oklahoma, Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a Second Amendment sanctuary bill last week that had secured sponsors from 15 senators and 25 representatives. Sen. Warren Hamilton, the bill's author in the Senate, cited concerns about the Biden administration as justification for the policy.

## FED. JUDGE RULES CAL'S '3-TO-1' HANDGUN LAW PROVISION MAY VIOLATE 2A

The Second Amendment Foundation is applauding a ruling by a federal judge in Southern California that a provision in the state's new handgun roster law, requiring the removal of three handguns already on the roster that can be sold, to make room for each new handgun added to the list may violate the Second Amendment.

The ruling by U.S. District Chief Judge Dana Sabraw, is a slap at California's law, which took effect Jan. 1 of this year. The lawsuit was brought by SAF, the San Diego County Gun Owners PAC, Firearms Policy Coalition and a private citizen, Lana Rae Renna, for whom the case Renna v. Becerra is named. They sued California in November. Plaintiffs are represented by attorneys Raymond DiGuseppe of Southport, N.C. and Michael Sousa of San Diego.

In his 15-page ruling, Judge Sabraw, a George W. Bush appointee, ruled that plaintiffs "have sufficiently pled the UHA ("Unsafe Handgun Act") substantially impacts their Second Amendment rights and thus burdens conduct protected by the Amendment."

The judge also observed that the defendants offered "no justification for why the statute requires the removal of three handguns for each new handgun added (to the roster), instead of, for instance, a proportional one-to-one."

He also noted, "Plaintiffs allege the UHA's roster imposes a significant burden on their Second Amendment rights. Specifically, the (complaint) alleges the number of handguns available for purchase on the roster continues to decline and ultimately will 'shrink into oblivion' as handguns are removed from the roster, including by AB 2847's three-for-one provision. Taking Plaintiffs' allegations as true, this limits the ability of law-abiding citizens to acquire firearms, which is critical to ensuring the Second Amendment right to keep arms."

"This case shows California's amended handgun law seems ultimately designed to shrink the available number of approved handguns to virtually zero," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "Judge Sabraw appears to recognize this unconstitutional dilemma near the end of his opinion."

## ATF Proposed Rule a Blatant Attack on American Gun Industry

Earlier we reported on a leaked document that appeared to be a new ATF proposed rule to amend several key definitions in federal firearm regulations. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, ATF published a nearly identical proposed rule on its website. The rule has not yet been published in the federal register, but likely will be on Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>. That publication will trigger a 90 day comment period where gun owners and members of the firearm industry will be provided with an opportunity to provide input on the proposed rule.

The proposed rule, entitled *Definition of "Frame or Receiver" and Identification of Firearms*, proposes new definitions for the terms "firearm frame or receiver," "frame or receiver," "firearm," "gunsmith," "complete weapon," "complete muffler or silencer device," "privately made firearm," and "readily." In addition to these changes, ATF is seeking to create an entirely new process for licensed firearm dealers to apply serial numbers to unserialized firearms that come into their possession and to require the indefinite storage of firearm records by licensees.

These new definitions would give ATF arbitrary authority to classify firearms in a way that could make it difficult or impossible for the firearm industry to operate.

As we said in our alert on the leaked draft, "the rule would mean that many manufacturers would need to get pre-approval from ATF for new firearm designs. To put it another way, the draft takes 107 pages to say 'we'll know it when we see it.'" And, despite effectively requiring this pre-approval, ATF notes that "ATF's decision whether to classify an item voluntarily submitted is entirely discretionary."

Creating arbitrary and unlawful new standards for firearm manufacturers while claiming that ATF has no obligation to actually reply to manufacturers who attempt to comply with the new standards is the very type of "arbitrary and capricious" rulemaking that the Administrative Procedures Act was enacted to eliminate.

These new standards would give the ATF Director an incredible amount of power over the firearm industry. And, this comes at a time when President Biden has nominated anti-gun lobbyist and gun ban proponent David Chipman to head the ATF. This proposed rule is just one more reason why it's extremely important for all gun owners to contact their Senators and ask that they vote against Chipman's confirmation.

Once the proposed rule has been published in the federal register, we will provide more detail on the many problems with the proposed rules and give guidance to gun owners and members of the firearm industry on how to best craft persuasive comments. Please check back to [www.nrila.org](http://www.nrila.org) soon so you can help fight the Biden Administration's

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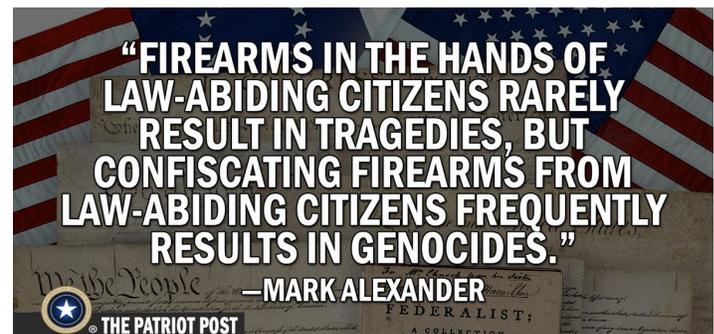
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RESULTS IN GENOCIDES."**

—MARK ALEXANDER

THE PATRIOT POST





### Massachusetts Tries to Drive Remaining Gun Makers Out of the State

Out of curiosity, are there any governors out there who might be interested in bringing a historic manufacturing business to their state? It's one that employs thousands and contributes to over \$4.5 million in state and federal taxes for a \$2.4 billion economic impact. Massachusetts lawmakers are thinking about shooting the gunmaker geese that are laying golden eggs in the Bay State.

No one is saying that major manufacturers are looking to move, but Massachusetts lawmakers are all but mailing eviction notices. Four Massachusetts lawmakers introduced bills in the state legislature to ban manufacturing of "any assault weapon or large capacity feeding device," unless manufacturers are selling those products to law enforcement or military agencies.

It's a bold move that's raising eyebrows in the Bay State and might just get other states interested in rolling out the welcome mat.

After all, Massachusetts is home to **Smith & Wesson Manufacturing Company**. They're the highly-successful rifle and pistol maker based in Springfield, Mass. They've made a name for themselves with their Military & Police (M&P) line of semiautomatic handguns and Modern Sporting Rifles (MSRs).

To be clear, MSRs can't be sold by retailers to anyone but law enforcement or the military in Massachusetts. The state banned the sale of the most popular-selling centerfire rifle in America to their citizens in 1998 and the state attorney general published an **Enforcement Notice** in 2016 that included so-called "copycat" versions. **Not One, But Three**

Smith & Wesson isn't the only gunmaker to call Massachusetts home. **Savage Arms** is located in Westfield, Mass., and their union member employees also make MSRs, along with a line of rifles and shotguns. Don't forget, too, **Kahr Arms** still has manufacturing in Worcester. They're headquartered in Greely, Pa., a move the company **made** when New York passed their SAFE Act and compelled the owners to move their manufacturing, jobs, tax revenue and economic impact across state lines.

It's happened before. And not just with Kahr. Smith & Wesson **moved** distribution and warehousing operations in Missouri in 2019. Here's a short list of companies that sought friendlier business environments when states passed business-crushing laws.

#### Alabama

Remington Outdoor Company **moved** much of its production from New York to Huntsville.

Kimber expanded production to Troy, over Yonkers, N.Y. It later **relocated** the corporate headquarters to Alabama.

#### Iowa

Les Baer **moved** from restrictive Illinois to LeClaire, Iowa, in 2007.

Lewis Machine & Tool Company (LMT) **left Illinois** after 40 years to relocate to Iowa in 2019.

#### Mississippi

Olin Corporation's Winchester Ammunition **moved** from East Alton, Ill., to Oxford in 2011.

#### North Carolina

Sturm, Ruger and Co. **expanded** production in Mayodan in 2013.

#### South Carolina

American Tactical **relocated** 100 jobs and its manufacturing from Rochester, N.Y., to Summerville, S.C., in 2013.

PTR Industries **left** Connecticut for Aynor in 2013, where it set up shop.

#### Tennessee

Beretta **moved** firearm production and engineering and design to Gallatin, Tenn., from Maryland in 2015 over concerns of increasingly strict gun control legislation.

#### Texas

Mossberg **expanded** production in Eagle Pass, Texas, in 2013, instead of growing its New Haven, Conn., plant.

Colt Competition moved **from** Canby, Ore., to Breckenridge, Texas, in 2013.

#### Wyoming

Magpul Industries left Boulder, Colo., after the state passed magazine restrictions and **moved** production to Laramie, Wyo.

Weatherby Inc.'s Adam Weatherby **announced** at SHOT Show in 2018 he was moving the company from California to Sheridan, Wyo.

Accessories maker HiViz **announced** in 2013 they were leaving Fort Collins, Colo., over restrictive gun control legislation to Laramie.

Stag Arms **announced** in 2019 they were opening their new facility in Cheyenne, Wyo., after leaving their former headquarters in New Britain, Conn.

"For centuries, open political dialogue has served as a foundation for stability and progress in America. We must listen to each other in order to understand each other's grievances and solve common problems. Without dialogue, there can be no conflict resolution. In this sense, what Big Tech has done in the name of combating 'violence' is only destined to produce more of it."

—Jeff Brain



## Camden County Becomes Missouri's First Second Amendment Sanctuary County

On January 19, 2021, Camden County, Missouri Commissioners passed Missouri's first Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance. One interesting aspect of this ordinance, aside from it actually being an ordinance in the first place, is the fact that they are actually calling out all "laws, orders, rules and regulations, whether past, present, or future, which infringe on the people's right to keep and bear arms." This is a bold step and not one that we have seen many other counties make. They are not only declaring their opposition to future infringements to the Second Amendment but also ones from the past.

All federal acts, laws, orders, rules, and regulations, whether past, present, or future, which infringe on the people's right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution shall be invalid in this county, shall not be recognized by this county, are specifically rejected by this county, and shall be considered null and void and of no effect in this county.

Such federal acts, laws, orders, rules, and regulations include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The provisions of the federal Gun Control Act of 1934;
- (b) The provisions of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968;
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- (d) Any registering or tracking of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition which could have a chilling effect on the purchase or ownership of those items by law-abiding citizens;
- (e) Any registering or tracking of the owners of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition which could have a chilling effect on the purchase or ownership of those items by law-abiding citizens;
- (f) Any act forbidding the possession, ownership, or use or transfer of any type of firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition by law-abiding citizens;
- (g) Any act ordering the confiscation of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition from law-abiding citizens

### License Required: The Alarming New Mantra from Gun Prohibitionists

Gun control proponents have latched onto a new mantra in their effort to reduce the number of guns—and gun owners—on the U.S. landscape, reluctantly recognizing that so-called "universal background checks" are not the solution to violent crime involving firearms, nor have they prevented criminals from getting guns.

The latter fact is underscored in a recent online GUNS magazine report covering incidents in several states where suspects have been charged with "felon in possession" of firearms. The "dirty little secret" is that criminals don't obey gun control laws, a fact that seems elusive to gun control proponents.

So there's a new strategy gathering momentum among anti-gunners, and according to Vox, this strategy comes from perennial gun control extremist Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), who proposed on the 2020 campaign trail to require a license before purchasing a firearm.

Writing at Vox, reporter German Lopez observes, "A license system...is more comprehensive. In Massachusetts, one of the few states with a **license system**, obtaining a permit requires going through a multi-step process involving interviews with police, background checks, a gun safety training course, and more. Even if a person passes all of that, the local police chief can deny an application anyway. That creates more points at which an applicant can be identified as too dangerous to own a gun; it makes getting and owning a gun harder.

And that's where this scheme could collide head-on with the Bill of Rights. Reading Vox, and an Op-Ed in the MinnPost.com by second-generation U.S. citizen Eric Ryu reveals what appears to be a complete lack of understanding about the differences between fundamental rights and government-regulated privileges.

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"America's abundance was created not by public sacrifices to 'the common good,' but by the productive genius of free men who pursued their own personal interests and the making of their own private fortunes. They did not starve the people to pay for America's industrialization. They gave the people better jobs, higher wages and cheaper goods with every new machine they invented, with every scientific discovery or technological advance—and thus the whole country was moving forward and profiting, not suffering, every step of the way."

– Ayn Rand

"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



### Australia's "Common Sense" Gun Control Snares Nerf Blasters?

We all know that among modern firearm prohibitionists, the term "gun control" is out. As a writer for the New York Times recently explained, the word "control" has a "ring of repression" to it. True, he admitted, "It's accurate: The legislation in question entails more government control over who can purchase guns and when and how." But for those actively seeking to impose such "control" over their fellow citizens, the language is "off key" and "unhelpful."

In other words, when you actually are trying to oppress people, you certainly don't want to talk about it openly. The repression itself is fine, even necessary, of course. But it's gauche to be too blatant about it. What's in is the term "common sense." Thus, when candidate Joe Biden set forth the most sweeping, prohibitory gun control agenda America had ever seen from a presidential contender, he made sure to characterize the proposals merely as "common-sense gun safety policies."

And so it is in Australia. There, firearm ownership requires a permit, which in turn requires the applicant to specify a "genuine reason." The law further specifies that "personal protection is not a genuine reason for owning, possessing or using a firearm." This, according to the politician most responsible for the 1996 scheme that imposed these requirements, was "an exercise in common sense."

It was also, as gun controllers like to say, only the "first step." Later expansions would eventually encompass non-firearms like paintball guns. When this led skirmish sport enthusiasts to adopt the even milder alternative of "gel blasters," the state of South Australia passed a 2020 law to ensure they, too, came under the law's authority. Current owners were given six months to surrender their gel blasters or obtain a "firearms" license for them. Use was also limited to "licenced [sic] venues." This was, according to a South Australian police official, "common sense."

The South Australian police (SAPOL) reported that 3,882 "gel blaster firearms" were surrendered during the amnesty period. Residents who already owned gel blasters applied for a total of 460 new "firearms" licenses for them, as well as 136 variations to existing licenses. SAPOL, however, admitted that their own estimates put the number of gel blasters circulating in the state at 62,000, while retailers estimated the true figure to be 350,000.

Now, it seems, even Nerf guns may be implicated by South Australia's bizarre and repressive "exercise in common sense."

Nerf guns are popular toys that expel harmless foam darts or disks. With their cartoonish designs, prominent logos, bright colors, and sometimes translucent parts, they are easily and instantly distinguishable from real firearms.

But some Australian skirmish enthusiasts discovered that certain models of Nerf guns can fire gel pellets without modification. Local news reports note that this has led to concerns these Nerf guns are also regulated under the state's firearms laws, requiring owners to have them licensed and registered with local authorities.

Nerf Mega Bigshock owner Brad Phillips told 7 News Australia, "I asked SAPOL (SA Police) whether I'd have to register it and they said yes I would." Phillips noted he then dutifully took his Nerf gun to the Gawler police station, which completed the necessary formalities to render it legal, which included etching a serial number into the plastic. The \$35 fee they charged appears to be about twice the retail price of the toy in Australia.

South Australian police are now backpedaling on the interpretation of the law given to Phillips. A statement SAPOL provided to The Guardian insisted, "Nerf Blasters are toys and there is no requirement to register any model of nerf blaster."

Whatever the case may be, it's hard to see how any of this actually makes anybody safer, while it's easy to see how it creates confusion, uncertainty, and a chilling effect for anybody who desires to exercise what shrinking sphere of "gun-related" conduct remains legal.

Meanwhile, here in the U.S., the Biden administration took a long step in a similar direction by publishing a proposed rule that would unilaterally redefine what is considered a regulated "firearm" or "firearm frame or receiver" under federal law. We will have more information about this effort in other alerts, but suffice to say here that it would also create more perplexity and legal jeopardy among law-abiding citizens than clarity or crime reduction.

Of course, the man for whom Joe Biden served as vice president repeatedly invoked Australian gun control as a model the U.S. should emulate. Now, as president, Biden seems determined to turn that rhetoric into reality.

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"If there be a principle that ought not to be questioned within the United States, it is, that every nation has a right to abolish an old government and establish a new one. This principle is not only recorded in every public archive, written in every American heart, and sealed with the blood of a host of American martyrs; but is the only lawful tenure by which the United States hold their existence as a nation."

--James Madison



Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.-- P.J. O'Rourke



## OLD WEST DRAWING

We will have a limited number of raffle tickets (1,000). We will not mail tickets to members to sell. Tickets will be available at all General meetings and at events where WMSA has a table. Additionally, to build our treasury for the coming year, this year's raffle is aimed towards gaining more WMSA members.

The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. As an added incentive, bring in a new member at a General Membership Meeting and get a free raffle ticket. Any current member who brings in a new WMSA member gets a free raffle ticket for each new member added to our rolls.

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 July 2022, either at the Missouri Valley Arms Collector Show or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.

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