

### State Supreme Court reviewing FOID law constitutionality

The Illinois Supreme Court is being asked for a second time to decide whether a state law requiring gun owners to have a firearm permit is unconstitutional – a question the court previously declined to answer.

The case involves a White County resident, Vivian Claudine Brown, who was charged in March 2017 with possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner’s Identification, or FOID card.

The charge was filed after her husband had called the White County Sheriff’s Office to report that she had fired a gun in their home. When officers arrived, they found a rifle beside her bed but no evidence that she had fired it.

Nonetheless, she was charged with the crime. But a circuit judge in White County threw out the charge, saying the Illinois law requiring potential gun owners to fill out a form, provide a picture ID, undergo a background check and pay a \$10 fee to obtain a FOID card was unconstitutional, at least as it applied to Brown. The judge said it imposed a burden on Brown’s Second Amendment right to keep a firearm in her own home for self-defense.

The circuit court went on to say, even though Brown’s attorneys never raised the issue, that it is impossible to comply with the act in one’s own home. That’s because it would mean anybody who had knowledge of a firearm in the home and exclusive control over the area where it was kept could be construed as possessing the gun and therefore would have to have their FOID card on their person 24 hours a day.

The state appealed that decision directly to the state Supreme Court, but in April 2020, the high court declined to answer the question of the law’s constitutionality. Instead, it said the White County court had rushed to rule on the law’s constitutionality when it could have decided the case on other grounds, namely that the General Assembly never intended the FOID Card Act to apply in the home.

The Supreme Court then sent the case back to White County with instructions to enter a modified order that did not touch on the constitutionality question.

The White County court did that, but then in an unusual move, Brown’s attorneys asked the court to reconsider, arguing that the modified order forced Brown to take a position she didn’t want to take and one that would ultimately be overturned on appeal, thus delaying any final resolution of the case, possibly for years.

The circuit court agreed and reinstated the charges against her. Brown’s attorneys then filed a new motion to dismiss on constitutional grounds. The judge then upheld that motion, finding that “any fee associated with exercising the core fundamental Constitutional right of armed self-defense within the confines of one’s home violates the Second Amendment.”

The state then appealed that decision back to the Illinois Supreme Court.

During oral arguments Wednesday, Assistant Attorney General Garson Fischer argued that the law imposes only a minimal burden on people wishing to own firearms and it serves a legitimate state interest of keeping guns out of the hands of felons and mentally ill individuals.

“It imposes a de minimis burden on law-abiding citizens to allow the state to determine whether they are, in fact, a law-abiding citizen who has the absolute right to possess a firearm in their home for self-defense, or falls into one of these high-risk categories,” he said. “The FOID Card Act is the mechanism by which the state answers that question.”

Fischer also noted that Brown never applied for a FOID card in the first place and therefore should not be allowed to argue that the law was overly burdensome.

Appellate defense attorney David Sigale, however, argued that the law imposes a significant burden because it provides for criminal penalties against those who don’t comply, even if they are otherwise entitled under state and federal law to own a firearm.

In addition, he argued that the law is duplicative because there are already state and federal laws prohibiting people with felony convictions or certain kinds of mental illness from owning a gun. He also noted that the screening process the state uses to determine whether someone falls into one of those categories is fallible, which results in people who are eligible for a FOID card having to file appeals, and sometimes even hire attorneys, to overturn a wrongful denial.

“So the burden is not de minimis, and the effect is not de minimis,” Sigale said. “It is not quick, it is not easy.”

Some of the justices, however, still seemed to question whether the Supreme Court even needs to address the constitutional question. Chief Justice Anne Burke questioned why Brown’s attorneys asked the White County court to reconsider a decision that effectively dropped the charges against her.

“Is it ethical for a criminal defense attorney to move to vacate an order that grants his client complete relief?” she asked.

Attorneys on both sides, however, argued that it was because the order that the White County judge would have issued – dismissing the charge on the grounds that the FOID Card Act doesn’t apply to possessing a gun in one’s own home – probably would not

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stand on appeal.

Justice Mary Jane Theis also hinted that the court could send the case back to White County as it did before. She then asked Sigale what his ethical obligation would be in defending Brown before an appellate court if the White County court dismissed the charge on statutory grounds and the state appealed to the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

“I guess, at best, I would have to say something ethically along the lines of, if the Fifth District agrees with the position of the circuit court and that original order, then we’ll take the dismissal and go home,” Sigale said. “But I would not argue that the trial court was correct.”

The court took the case under advisement but did not indicate how long it might take to issue a decision. The case has drawn the attention of national gun control advocates such as the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence and Everytown for Gun safety, along with gun rights advocacy groups like Guns Save Life Inc., and the Firearms Policy Foundation, all of whom submitted or contributed to amicus briefs in the case. The city of Chicago and Cook County also filed an amicus brief in support of the FOID law, saying it has been an effective tool in helping them combat gun violence.

Letters to the Editor  
Kansas City Star

Subject: Good guy with a Gun

Dear Sirs:

Leonard Pitts Jr proclaimed that that a “good guy with a gun” is never a solution to a bad guy with a gun in a 6/2/22 editorial. His “evidence” was that the Uvalde police were prohibited from entering the school. Mr. Pitts ignores that an armed civilian was prevented from entering. Mr. Pitts ignores that the massacre ended when an off-duty Border Patrolman with a borrowed shotgun killed the little scum.

About the time Mr. Pitts was writing his editorial a person in South Carolina opened fire on a party with an AR 15. A nearby woman drew her pistol and killed him. Granted, the lady was not a *guy* but the result was good.

Kevin L. Jamison  
Attorney at Law

Letters to the Editor  
Kansas City Star

Subject: Teachers and guns

Dear Sirs:

A letter of 26 June, 2022 asked how a teacher could fight off an active killer when police were recently reluctant to act. She also thought it unlikely a teacher with a pistol could defeat a killer with an AR 15.

The writer ignores the fact that late last month a woman in South Carolina did exactly that. She killed the psychopath before he killed anyone. The writer also fails to consider that a teacher trapped in a room with a psychopath may be more motivated to protect the children than persons safely outside.

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## No Matter Who You Are, You Need A Gun For Protection

By Desiderius Erasmus, a [Guns Save Life](#) member

The “typical” gun owner is often characterized by many bigoted non-gun-owners as a right wing, redneck, beer-guzzling, low IQ Neanderthal who is just itchin’ to pull the trigger. But times have changed, and now a whole lot of those non-gun-owners – who used to be dismissive of [guns](#) and gun owners – truly need a firearm, whether you’re a Pabst or an Armand de Brignac Blanc de Blanc kind of person.

That’s because now, it might be a matter of life or death. Recently in Decatur, Illinois a teen was arrested for allegedly breaking into his 60-year-old neighbor’s home and trying to kill him [because that neighbor is gay](#).

**If you identify as LGBTQ, you need a gun for protection.** LGBTQ people are nearly four times more likely than non-LGBTQ people to be victims of violent crime. You may never actually have to shoot in self-defense, but then again, why take a chance?

**If you’re a woman, you need a gun for protection.** 19.3 million women in the U.S. [have been stalked in their lifetime](#). 1 in 4 have been victims of severe physical violence (e.g. beating, burning, strangling) by an intimate partner. 1 in 7 have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime to the point in which they felt fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed. 1 in 5 have been raped in their lifetime. You may never actually have to shoot in self-defense, but then again, why take a chance?

**If you live in a rough neighborhood...you need a gun for protection.** In 2021, 744 men and 101 women were [murdered in the Windy City](#). 684 were black, 28 were white, 122 were Hispanic, and 10 Asians, and the major determinant was where they lived. The City of Chicago is installing 426 “Bleeding Control Kits” in 269 buildings across the city. Officials say the kits could help save lives in an emergency such as falls and penetrating injuries.

Let’s get real, though...the kits are there to treat gunshot wounds, a tacit admission that the powers that be in the city can’t prevent you from being shot. They have retreated to a position where they “hope” that you will not die from a gunshot wound.

**If you live in a rich, safe neighborhood...you need a gun for protection.** 875 South Bundy Drive, Brentwood, Los Angeles; case closed. *[Hint: That’s the one-time residence of O.J. Simpson.]*

**If you know one or more males in your neighborhood who have violent tempers...you need a gun for protection.** Almost half of all male killers are [younger than 25](#). Less than one-third of male killers rely on firearms as their weapon of choice. That means that two-thirds of male murderers use some other means of killing – not firearms. Why take a chance?

**If you’re a man...you need a gun for protection.** Almost 80% of all murder victims in the U.S. are male. You may never actually have to shoot in self-defense, but then again, why take a chance?

**If you are an Asian-American...you need a gun for protection.** Hate crimes targeting people of Asian descent in the U.S. [have skyrocketed](#), especially in large urban areas, where the legal gun ownership process can be especially onerous. Determining the motivation of a criminal – who is never apprehended – is almost impossible. Did the perpetrator rob and kill a Chinese-American store owner because of race or because of the store’s cash register? You may never actually have to shoot in self-defense, but then again, why take a chance?

If the proponents of gun control ever get their way, it won’t be the rich political elites who are murdered. They talk a good game, but live in gated communities, in exclusive neighborhoods, and either have personal security details, or flout the law and own firearms on the sly.

By denying the means to defend everyone else, the anti-2nd Amendment mob expose themselves as homophobes, anti-woman, racists of all stripes. As well as whatever fancy identitarian term applies to setting up elderly people who live alone to be victimized.

A society, country and culture can be measured, in part, by how well it protects the most vulnerable among them, whether they are unborn babies, children, or people who look differently, think differently, believe differently or come from different backgrounds. The right to life and the right to self-defense are rights inherent to every human being. No government can legitimately deny you those.

And yet they try to do just that. So if you own a firearm, great. Make sure you keep it secured and help everyone you know learn how to shoot and how to legally obtain a firearm of their own. Because...man, woman, gay, straight, black, white, Hispanic, Asian-American, atheist, religious, young adult or senior citizen...you need a gun for protection.

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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 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.

## GOP lawmaker calls on ATF to explain agents asking firearms owner for gun serial numbers

A recent doorbell video recording from a Delaware resident prompted a Republican lawmaker to question why agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives asked a legal firearm owner for his weapons' serial numbers without a warrant.

The video, first posted and reported by Armed American News, shows ATF agents and state troopers on July 12 demanding a homeowner turn over the serial numbers of firearms he recently purchased.

"I'm extremely concerned by the reports of a surprise and unwarranted firearms inspection conducted by the ATF. This incident occurred the same day Steve Dettelbach was sworn in to head the ATF, and it is exactly the kind of action I was concerned about under his leadership. ATF agents did not have a search warrant, and they had to rely on pressuring the homeowner for consent," Rep. Matt Rosendale, Montana Republican, told The Washington Times.

"The ATF must answer questions on why they decided to conduct an illegal search, especially since the homeowner had done nothing wrong. These actions by the federal government are unsettling, and they have no business going door-to-door to see who owns firearms. I fear that there will be more illegal inspections to come as the Left continues its assault on our 2nd Amendment rights. Congress should investigate this immediately."

The ATF defended itself in a statement to The Washington Times, saying the agents' actions were "entirely appropriate."



## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The Red Cross reports a severe blood shortage. There is always a blood shortage 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. I gave blood recently and wore my "Guns Save Lives" button. The guy on the table across from me gave me a thumbs up. Every little bit helps.

I was at an anti-gun rights demonstration. A woman told me that no one wanted to take my guns. She was standing next to a person holding a sign that said, "Ban Assault Weapons." They must think we are very stupid.

Another demonstrator had a sign reading, "Doesn't look well-regulated to me." In the constitutional period the term "well-regulated" meant trained. It took several separate motions to load a musket, much less aim and fire it. Doing these motions wrong or in the wrong order meant failure to fire. A well-trained militia required a population that was familiar with firearms. The same is true today. Familiarity with common weapons makes it easier to train a soldier.

There is a new variant of Covid. Some optimist says that we will see new variants indefinitely. There is also a brand-new virus called "Monkeypox." It appears to be a nasty rash. It is spread by contact. There is no possible way I will have voluntary contact with such a nasty rash. Sexual contact seems to be a prime means of transmission. So, I am safe.

Hinkley, the crazy guy who tried to murder President Reagan, has been released from the psychiatric facility. He says that guns cause violence and not crazy people.

Ex-senator Claire McCaskill has announced that "assault weapons" are useless for self-defense. She says that no one needs a 30 round magazine for self-defense. Of Ms. McCaskill's many skills guns, tactics and self-defense are not among them. If 30-round magazines are not useful for self-defense, she must explain why police have them in their squad cars.

The usual suspects claim that semi-automatic rifles are weapons of war. They should be asked what military uses them. They will change the subject. They will declare that they are not useful for hunting. Some people hunt small game with them. Some people target shoot with them. Just because the usual suspects do not have the imagination to see a legal use does not mean there is not one.

A leader for the opposition has stated that they have spent more money, organized better, have ten million members and advocate louder than we do. My reflex is to not believe him. However, they are winning. We must increase our efforts. The first step is to show up.

Advocacy fell off after we won License To Carry. To keep it we will have to come out for rallies, demonstrations and contact our representatives.

The Canadian Prime Minister has declared that there is no right to self-defense with a firearm. He is surrounded by armed guards. It is easy to give up a right you do not believe you will need. There are people in this country who agree with him. Having a right of self-defense but not the means to exercise it is a cruel joke.

I read an interesting case. The defendant killed a man and claimed self-defense. Video of the fight indicated that he had a valid claim. However. There is always a however. He killed his ex-wife's new boyfriend. He had sent text messages to the man declaring that he was ready to meet him and to act in self-defense when he did. There were many such messages. It looked like he planned the fight so that he could kill the boyfriend. We must go into these things with clean hands. The keyboard commandos who rejoice in claiming their intentions to use deadly force and have a plan to kill everyone they meet are building a case against themselves. The Founding Fathers guaranteed our right to remain silent. Our ancestors died to preserve this right. It is unpatriotic not to use it.

A mall in Indiana is posted "No Gun." The inevitable happened. A murdering scum brought in two rifles and a handgun in a backpack. He assembled the rifles in a bathroom and came out shooting. He killed three people and wounded two. However. In Indiana "no guns" signs do not have the force of law. A shopper drew his handgun and fired ten times. He hit the scum eight times. The shots were at long range, estimates range from 20 to 50 feet. A mass murder stopped in its tracks. The usual suspects really hate this guy. They keep saying that his possession of a handgun was illegal it was not, but the truth has never been their friend. They claim that because three people were killed it was not a success. A cartoon shows death tallying a multitude of mass killings, and one act of self-defense. This is not true either. This last June a scum started shooting at a party with an AR-15. A nearby woman shot him dead before he killed anyone. There have been many such incidents. The media ignores them and the usual suspects pretend they never happen.

Mayor Lucas of Kansas City has said that "if tomorrow 80% of the legal guns moving around Kansas City were taken off the streets you would see a difference immediately (Star 8 June, 2022 page7A column 3). He clearly thinks we are responsible for crime. This is insane but it is his reality. We cannot expect him to treat us fairly.

The Missouri Department of Conservation is asking for help monitoring our wild turkey population. Anyone wishing to help should visit [short.mde.mo.gov/4iK](http://short.mde.mo.gov/4iK). Participants will get a report on the turkey population. Having such intelligence might give you a chance on shooting one of the clever beasts. I once had an intern from the People's Republic of China. We were driving to a rural courthouse when wild turkeys ran across the road. I mentioned that wild turkeys were smarter than domestic turkeys. She opined that they were smart because they were free. I think she was right.

By the time this is mailed out, the 2 August Republican senatorial primary will be over. WMSA has decided to work for whomever wins. We decided not to endorse in the primary. That would make an enemy if one of the other candidates won. Picking the best possible candidate is a theory. Another group took this strategy. They went so far as to

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accuse two of the leading candidates as being secretly anti-gun. I am not sure they are right. On the other hand they might be. It will be hard enough to win this senate seat without back-tracking what was said in the primary. We must win this senate seat. We must beat the usual suspects in this election. We must have a majority in the senate that, if not on our side, is not actively working to take out rights. A victory over the usual suspects will encourage our side.

It is easy for a candidate to claim he will fight for us. It is more important to get one who can actually get things done. Getting things done is hard. Sometimes in politics it seems like one make a step back in order to make two steps forward. Picking a candidate who will have a strategy for this dance is hard.

There is a lot of work to be done. Get out there and keep our rights safe for our grandchildren.

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

We shall overcome.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### GREAT NEWS AND BAD NEWS

*K. L. Jamison*

We were due a win. The US Supreme Court has ruled that concealed carry licenses must be given on a "shall issue" basis without bias. The decision does not do away with licenses to carry. They will continue to be issued under a specific standard which cannot include some unusual need. Some of the "may issue states immediately informed their sheriff to stop using their special need standards. New York read the decision and changed their procedures. These new procedures list a great number of "especially sensitive" areas where guns cannot be carried at all.

The clear prose of Justice Thomas's decision specifically tells the lower courts that the Second Amendment is not, repeat not, a second-class right. It states in simple English words that firearm rights cases must be judged using the strict scrutiny standard. Under this criterion, the government seldom wins. The decision goes on to state that firearms cases must be judged on general practices at the time the Second Amendment was written. This does not mean rights are confined to muskets. In the Constitutional period cannon were available to anyone who could pay. Daniel Boone bought cannon for Boonesborough. Someone should explain this to President Biden; but making him listen could be a problem. The Supreme Court has specifically stated that the Constitution protects rights, not technology. In the 1960s it ruled that the Fourth Amendment right to against illegal search and seizure applied to conversations in a phone booth. Such a structure and technology were unknown to the founders. In 2016 the Supreme Court unanimously found that a stun gun was protected by the Second Amendment. Even Benjamin Franklin did not predict such a device.

Of course, some judges are devising schemes to evade this ruling. The usual suspects are developing arguments to the effect that the decision does not mean what it says. In the alternative they propose to repeal the Second Amendment and replace it with one saying there is no right to have guns. We have won a great battle, and the NRA must be given the credit. The war continues.

The bad news is that the new federal law restricting our rights passed quickly. The ink was not dry on the law when proposals to further restrict our rights were presented. A bill banning semi-automatic firearms passed Congress. Members of the Senate say that it will not go anywhere in that body. Of course, these guys have betrayed us before.

A great deal depends on what happens in the November elections.

Thank-you for the honor of being your president.

### GOP Rep Reveals Frightening Possibility as Biden's IRS Makes Unprecedented Purchases of Ammunition

Biden's IRS is buying up ammunition in bulk. On Saturday, Florida Representative Matt Gaetz told Breitbart that the government entity had spent \$700,000 purchasing ammo "between March and June 1." This poses the obvious question — why?

Agents in the IRS Criminal Investigation department (CI) are armed with weapons and therefore need ammo. That being the case, they don't need \$700,000 worth of it.

In addition, a search of [usaspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) showed numerous ammunition purchases made by the IRS over the past few years, ranging from purchases as low as \$3,201 to those as high as \$92,263.

The IRS has been doing this for some time, according to a 2019 report from Forbes.

At the time, the IRS had "4,487 guns and 5,062,006 rounds of ammunition in its weapons inventory," including some "fully automatic... machine guns." And yet, the IRS rarely discharges those weapons.

According to Forbes, from 2009 to 2011, IRS agents "fired their guns accidentally more times than they did intentionally" and, in total, those agents accidentally discharged their weapons a total of 11 times during that period. Additionally, the agency itself is only composed of a couple of thousand agents.

The IRS's own website states that CI "is comprised of nearly 3,500 employees worldwide." There's no way a few thousand agents need that much ammunition, especially considering that armed CI agents rarely discharge their weapons.

According to Gaetz, there is one frightening explanation for why Biden's IRS would make such a move. They want to buy up all the ammo so there's none left for you. "There is concern that this is part of a broader effort to have any entity in the federal government buy up ammo to reduce the amount of ammunition that is in supply, while at the same time, making it harder to produce ammo," Gaetz said, according to Breitbart.



## JUST BOPPIN ALONG THROUGH LIFE

by Carl Smart

I have noticed a great deficiency in our world. There seems to be a shortage of large concrete pillars with a suitably long clear space to get a good running start to bop my head into. I don't know about you but sometimes a good head bopping just helps to make sense of this world.

About ten years ago, the FBI released a study that pointed out that there are about one million gang members in this country. They are responsible for about sixty percent of the crime. So do we have a crime problem or a gang problem? But clearly the solution to crime is gun control. Bop!

A few years ago, the Kansas City Police Department used a program to plot the connections between criminals. When they had enough evidence, they went out and arrested the king pins. But what we need is more gun laws. Bop!

Do you remember the ancient dim dark past when it was fashionable for gangs to do drive by shootings? Back when the alphabet news agencies had people shooting full auto guns on a range and tell us that these were the semi auto guns all of the gangs used. Also, that they were easy to get and every school child knew which street corner to go to and buy one. It seemed strange to me that no ace action reporter went under cover and bought one. At best they went to a gun show and did a legal private purchase from an individual and none were full auto. Perhaps I didn't understand but the message always was, be afraid and we need more gun laws. More gun laws will make us safe. Don't we have the right to be safe? Bop!

My mother has spent most of her ninety years in Kansas City so she knows people who know people. I asked her what the gangs did before drive by shootings. Without hesitation she said, "They set your house on fire." Clearly, they needed more gun control. Bop!

In December the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform presented the District of Columbia with the "Gun Violence Problem Analysis Summary Report" The report mapped the criminal records and social networks of those involved in gun related violence. Kind of like they did in Kansas City years ago. And I am shocked, shocked I tell you that a small group of people were responsible for the majority of the gun crime. There is a group of about five hundred individuals, of which only about two hundred are active at any one time, which are responsible for sixty to seventy percent of the gun violence in DC. Almost all the murder victims and murders were known to the police. Just under half had been in jail. And about twenty five percent were on parole or some other form of supervision. I am so happy that we have reformed our criminal justice system by de-funding the police, have no cash bail policies in place that are supported by prosecuting attorneys that believe in reforming criminals by releasing them back into the community. In the fishing sports this is called catch and release. That is how you raise a trophy. It would seem to my uninformed and clearly ignorant mind that long term jail sentences, that is removal of a couple hundred career criminals from the community, would be a great savings in lives and treasure. Or if we could just get more laws to get the guns out of the wrong hands. That is criminals who pay no attention to any laws. Bop!

Does anyone remember how well the assault weapons ban worked? Clearly since about a half dozen AR-15s out of the twenty million in circulation have been used in recent mass shootings we need to ban these weapons of war. And while we are at it, we need to ban all semi-automatic firearms as well. I know criminals covet my Ruger 10-22 but their desires must be denied. I am sure some of them will be triggered by this and need publicly funded counseling to recover. There are calls for an Australian style gun buyback. A problem was the Australian program was mandatory. There is that little thing called the Second Amendment. The government will not pay me enough of my tax money for my guns and the guns are not for sale. If we could just get rid of these dangerous weapons of war, we would all be so much safer. Bop!

Now that I have bopped my head into a concrete pillar a couple of times, the gun control proposals look so much better. The world is spinning but these proposals are starting to make sense. Now if it weren't for this splitting headache I would be feeling so much better.

"Where an excess of power prevails, property of no sort is duly respected. No man is safe in his opinions, his person, his faculties, or his possessions."

—James Madison



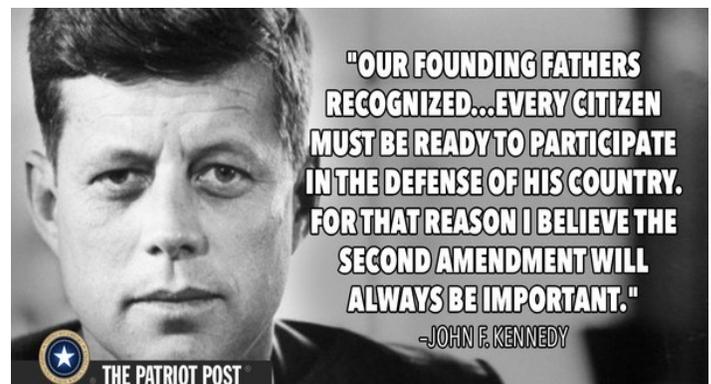
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"No passion so effectually robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear." —Edmund Burke



## Biden attempting to curb supply of AR-15 ammo?

And not through legislation either. According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Mark Oliva, the Biden administration is considering halting sales of excess M855/SS109 ammunition produced by the federal government's ammunition manufacturing facility in Lake City, Missouri, which could result in a major reduction in the ammo supply for AR-15s and other modern sporting rifles.

Oliva says that the NSSF has been in contact with officials at Winchester Ammunition, which manages the facility in Lake City, who recently informed them that the Biden administration is considering restricting the manufacturing and commercial sale of the ammunition produced there. According to NSSF, not only would that "immediately jeopardize" roughly 400-500 jobs and wipe out more than a quarter of the .223/5.56 ammo available to consumers, but it could derail the already [shaky negotiations](#) in the Senate on a package in response to the recent shootings in Uvalde and Buffalo.

"This policy of ceasing the sale of excess ammunition is ill-timed and jeopardizes the fragile negotiations of the framework deal that was agreed to by the bipartisan group of senators," says Oliva. "Senators specifically requested the White House allow the Senate to negotiate in good faith and without interference to arrive at their agreement. This policy to deny the sale of excess ammunition would not only freeze over 30-percent of the 5.56mm/.223 caliber ammunition used by law-abiding gun owners, it risks the ammunition industry's ability to surge production capacity for national defense if the costs to maintain the present workforce isn't recouped through sales to the civilian market."

Oliva noted that this isn't the first time Biden's been a part of a plan to reduce the supply of ammunition for consumers. During the Obama years, the administration tried to stop sales of "green tip" ammunition through a proposed ATF rule. The administration [backed down](#) after a public outcry and criticism from Congress, but so far there's no sign that the Biden administration is cooling on its own proposal.

Hopefully that will change now that the word is getting out. Oliva says both NSSF and Winchester are "strongly opposed" to the plan, and NSSF officials are working with members of Congress to "appraise them of these developments and turn back this counterproductive policy", while Winchester officials are "actively engaged with government leaders in Washington, D.C. to ensure their full understanding of the negative implications related to this type of sudden and reactive action."

The Department of Defense has not responded to a request for comment by Bearing Arms, but if we do get a response we'll update this post to include any statement. In the meantime, gun owners should get active as well, and not just by running down to your local gun shop to scoop up whatever .223 you can find in stock. Contact your congressperson and your senators, and urge them to speak out against Biden's plan to choke off a significant portion of the consumer market for the popular ammunition. If your representatives in D.C. aren't pro-Second Amendment, point out the economic harm that this decision would have for hundreds of American workers, as well as the potential impact on our national security and defense readiness. There are *lots* of reasons to object to this idea, and really only one reason to support it: a desire to do anything and everything to make it as difficult as possible for law-abiding Americans to access their right to keep and bear arms.

## New York makes nearly everywhere 'gun free' zone after Supreme Court ruling

Five of the six states directly affected by the Supreme Court's ruling striking down subjective standards for concealed-carry permits have curtailed their laws, but New York has doubled down.

Lawmakers in New York have made it nearly impossible to carry a firearm into any building — public or private — within the state.

The law, which takes effect in September, eliminates a requirement to demonstrate a special need to obtain a license to carry. In its place, the state has issued a lengthy list of locations where guns are banned.

The move makes it nearly impossible to legally carry a firearm anywhere in the state, and it already is facing legal challenges.

"If you define sensitive places so broadly that you can't carry anywhere, that's probably overdoing it," said Dave Kopel, a lawyer and gun rights advocate.

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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 January 2023, either at the RK Shows or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.

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