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US Supreme Court won't revive law targeting federal gun curbs

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday declined to revive a Missouri law that bars state and local officials from enforcing certain federal gun restrictions that the Republican-crafted law had claimed to nullify for violating firearms rights protected by the Constitution's Second Amendment.

Handing a victory to President Joe Biden's administration, the justices rejected a request by Missouri officials to halt a federal judge's ruling that invalidated the 2021 state law, called the Second Amendment Preservation Act. The Second Amendment enshrines the right "to keep and bear arms."

The administration sued Missouri in 2022 to block the law. It had urged the Supreme Court not to revive the measure, arguing that it violated a constitutional provision called the "supremacy clause" that makes federal law supersede conflicting state laws. The administration said that the measure improperly interfered with U.S. firearms regulations and undermined public safety.

Conservative Justice Clarence Thomas on Friday indicated that he would have reinstated the Missouri law. The Biden administration sued Missouri in 2022 to block the law, which was signed the previous year by Republican Governor Mike Parson at a gun shop. The Missouri law declared that certain federal regulations governing taxes, firearm sales and restrictions on gun possession by people convicted of certain felonies, convicted of a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence, people dishonorably discharged from the military and some others were invalid based on alleged infringement of Second Amendment rights.

The law threatened state and local officials with fines of up to \$50,000 for knowingly enforcing federal gun laws deemed by the Republican-controlled state legislature to violate the Second Amendment.

The Biden administration has said the law caused many Missouri state and local law enforcement agencies to stop voluntarily assisting in the enforcement of federal gun laws or providing investigative assistance.

U.S. District Judge Brian Wimes in a March ruling invalidated the law as a violation of the supremacy clause. "While purporting to protect citizens, (the Missouri law) exposes citizens to greater harm by interfering with the federal government's ability to enforce lawfully enacted firearms regulations designed by Congress for the purpose of protecting citizens," Wimes wrote. The St. Louis-based 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in September declined to halt the judge's ruling, prompting Missouri officials to seek emergency relief from the Supreme Court.

Gun rights, held dear by many Americans and promised by the country's 18th century founders, are a contentious issue in a nation with high levels of firearms violence including numerous mass shootings. Biden, who has called gun violence a national embarrassment, and many of his fellow Democrats support firearms restrictions, while most Republicans oppose these.

The Supreme Court, with its 6-3 conservative majority, has taken a broad view of Second Amendment rights in three major rulings since 2008. The most recent of these came in 2022 when the court declared for the first time that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to carry a handgun in public for self-defense.

The Supreme Court is set to decide a major gun case in its current term testing whether a federal law that keeps firearms away from people under domestic-violence restraining orders violates the Second Amendment

"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

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Supreme Court Accepts NRA First Amendment Case

The National Rifle Association of America (NRA) commented today on the United States Supreme Court accepting *National Rifle Association of America v. Maria T. Vullo* for review. The decision is a landmark development in one of the most closely watched First Amendment cases in the nation.

"This is a historic step forward for free speech, the NRA's millions of members, and for all who believe in freedom," says NRA CEO & EVP Wayne LaPierre. "The NRA's fight for justice continues – this time in the highest court in the land. At a time when free speech is under attack as never before, it is important that government officials be sent a message that they cannot use intimidation tactics to silence those with whom they disagree."

In a May 2018 lawsuit, the NRA alleged that Vullo, at the behest of former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, took aim at the NRA and conspired to use the regulatory power of the New York Department of Financial Services (DFS) to "financially blacklist" the NRA – coercing banks and insurers to cut ties with the Association to suppress its pro-Second Amendment speech. The NRA argues that Vullo's actions were meant to silence the NRA – using "guidance letters," backroom threats, and other measures to cause financial institutions to "drop" the Association.

The NRA's First Amendment claims withstood multiple motions to dismiss. But in 2022, after Vullo appealed the trial court's ruling, the Second Circuit struck down the NRA's claims. The court ruled that in an era of "enhanced corporate social responsibility," it was reasonable for New York's financial regulator to warn banks and insurance companies against servicing pro-gun groups based on the supposed "social backlash" against those groups' advocacy. The court also ruled that Vullo's guidance – written on her official letterhead and invoking her regulatory powers – was not a directive to the institutions she regulated, but rather a mere expression of her political preferences.

On February 7, 2023, the NRA petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court, seeking review of the Second Circuit decision.

The Court granted review on the following question: Does the First Amendment allow a government regulator to threaten regulated entities with adverse regulatory actions if they do business with a controversial speaker, as a consequence of (a) the government's own hostility to the speaker's viewpoint or (b) a perceived "general backlash" against the speaker's advocacy?

"The Second Circuit's opinion...gives state officials free rein to financially blacklist their political opponents – from gun rights groups, to abortion-rights groups, to environmentalist groups, and beyond," the NRA states in its petition. The Association argues that the Second Circuit erroneously opened the door to unrestrained harassment of advocacy groups by state officials, and seeks to have it closed.

"We are grateful the Supreme Court will review this First Amendment case and excited by the opportunity to argue to the Court that a government regulator cannot take adverse action against its political enemies," says William A. Brewer III, counsel to the NRA. "The ruling from the Second Circuit condones public officials having unbridled power to attack those with whom they disagree."

Seven amicus briefs representing 40 individuals and organizations were filed in support of the NRA. The amicus briefs include those from state attorney generals from Montana and 17 other states, in addition to a brief filed jointly by Texas and Indiana. Various business and legal scholars, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) and the Gun Owners of America, among others, also submitted briefs.

The NRA observes this is not the first time state officials have leveraged their regulatory power to suppress a disfavored civil rights organization or choke off disfavored speech. The NRA's petition to the Court emphasizes a long line of First Amendment cases – from seminal decisions involving the NAACP, to the Supreme Court's storied Bantam Books decision – that forbid such tactics.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has voiced its support for the NRA. In August 2018, ACLU Legal Director David Cole wrote that, "...they [New York public officials] cannot use their regulatory authority to penalize advocacy groups by threatening companies that do business with those groups. And here the state has admitted, in its own words, that it focused on the NRA and other groups not because of any illegal conduct, but because they engage in 'gun promotion' – in other words, because they advocate a lawful activity." The ACLU wrote that dismissing the NRA's case "would set a dangerous precedent for advocacy groups across the political spectrum. Public officials would have a readymade playbook for abusing their regulatory power to harm disfavored advocacy groups without triggering judicial scrutiny."

Eugene Volokh joins Brewer in representing the NRA, along with Brewer Partner Sarah B. Rogers and firm counsel Noah Peters.

Anti-gun NY runs out Remington

America's oldest firearms manufacturer Remington Arms will be closing up shop in the Empire State. New York Republican Representative Elise Stefanik was unequivocal in assigning blame: "It is because of New York Democrats' unconstitutional gun grab policies that the oldest gun manufacturer in the country has been run out of the state." She's not wrong. There's also the lawsuit raised by the families of the Sandy Hook mass murder victims against Remington, seeking to hold the firearm manufacturer culpable. After filing bankruptcy twice, Remington settled the lawsuit for \$73 million. And with anti-Second Amendment hostility growing in New York, Remington's solution for survival was to move out and expand its manufacturing facilities in Georgia, a state that still embraces the Second Amendment.

LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

Rally Day will be 17 April, 2024 from 10 AM until High Noon. This is the 20th anniversary of our Concealed Carry law going into effect. We must have a good turnout. Twenty years ago the usual suspects claimed that concealed carry would cause blood in the streets. That did not happen. Today rather than admit their error they want to repeal our preemption law and allow every city and every county to have its own gun laws. Moving from one town to another could make a person a criminal. They cling to their "gun free" zones and oppose our reforms. They want to take away the Second Amendment Preservation Act. Show up and preserve your rights for your grandchildren.

I've read "Under and Alone." It is the account of an ATF agent who infiltrated the Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle club. It is interesting. The agent was frustrated by his superior's attempts to cancel the operation. He was building cases about drugs and machine guns, and they were satisfied with a charge of illegal possession of a revolver. The undercover was complicated, time consuming and expensive. There was always the danger that the undercover operation would go bad. This would be bad for his superior's career and his life. The Mongols were an odd target for an organized crime target. He does not describe them as particularly organized. They were meth addicts and sociopaths. Even their motorcycles were falling apart. Still, when his father died, they were the only ones who expressed sympathy. It is an excellent account of outlaw motorcycle life and undercover life.

I have retired my Para ordnance .45 and taken up a Browning High Power 9mm. The Browning is easier on my arthritic joints which promotes accuracy. Accuracy is critical and with the right ammunition it is very effective.

I watched a documentary of the 1966 Texas Tower killings. James Whitmore climbed to the top of the tower on the Austin Texas campus. He killed 16 people and wounded 33 with a bolt action hunting rifle. Witnesses to the murders recounted their experience with the event. This being Texas deer rifles came out of cars and offices. People shot back. Once they began shooting back there were no more deaths. The documentary soft pedals these people who shot back. Except for one woman who calls them "vigilantes" and complains of the "testosterone" in the building. She does not criticize the killer. These are the people we have to deal with in elections and juries. We have to figure out ways to reach them.

Headlines breathlessly announce that TSA in Hawaii found an "anti-aircraft" projectile. It was actually a .50 BMG cartridge. Granted these cartridges were developed for anti-aircraft use but a single cartridge seems like a round for long range rifles. Hysterical headlines like this are the favorite tool of the usual suspects.

I looked up reviews for my book. People raved about it. One person advertised it on e-bay for \$400. There was one guy whose review said "Not worth a penny." That is the one I cannot forget. I wish he had been more specific with his criticism. I have a thick skin and am always trying to improve my work. I can't please everyone and some days it is a challenge to please anyone. The book is out of print and twenty years old. Much has changed. I am working on a second edition but life distracts from the work. The law continues to move and getting a clear picture of a fuzzy object that is moving, and sometimes deliberately blurred, is a challenge.

I grew upset with Pete Mundo, a morning talk radio personality on 810 AM and 95.7 FM. He was talking about reasons for the murder rate in Kansas City. He was mostly right but then he blamed the Second Amendment Preservation Act. He had spoken to a police officer who thought that it prevented them from enforcing the law, at least federal law. This is not true. The SAPA only prohibits enforcing federal anti-gun laws which do not have an equivalent state law; and then only against law-abiding people. The law says that a law-abiding person who is injured by police action in violation of the act can be sued for up to \$50,000. Of course, this grabs the attention of police. It does not prevent the federal government from enforcing federal law. I called in; he didn't seem to believe me. I sent him a copy of the article I did on SAPA for the newsletter and a copy of the SAPA law in case he didn't believe me. Later in the week he said the same thing. I defied him to show me where SAPA prevents the police from investigating murders. No reply as yet.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has established a new rule against the use of traditional ammunition and fishing tackle on specific National Wildlife Refuges. The National Shooting Sports Foundation is promoting a bill by Rep Robert Wittman to protect access for hunters and anglers (HR 615). Alternative ammunition is 25% more expensive. Hunters and fishermen already pay a tax on every round of ammunition and fishing tackle. This money goes to preserve wildlife habitat. Anti-hunters think they know better, and they don't like us very much.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

OUR HANDS

K. L. Jamison

I received a letter from a fellow lawyer. It accused me of having blood on my hands. Criminals did violence and it was my fault. I did not write back immediately. When I had my temper under control I wrote back that my hands taught gun safety. I taught it to children and adults. I taught self-defense to adults. I explained the legal limits and circumstances of self-defense. I've kept people out of trouble. I take credit for the people I have helped. I do not take the blame for criminal conduct. Some of my students have avoided criminal conduct.

Many of our members have done as much or more. A community in south Missouri sponsors a yearly youth hunt to encourage young people to put down their video games and enjoy the outdoors. I have met members who sacrifice time and money to teach gun safety and marksmanship to young people. Many others have taught how not to be a victim. None of these people have done so to make money. It has been a community service. Their hands are not only clean they are pristine.

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

A CHEAP LEGAL NOTE INJUNCTIONS

K. L. Jamison

Bump stocks and pistol arm braces are against the law based on ATF rules. The good news is that federal courts have issued injunctions against enforcing these rules. The injunctions will go to the circuit court of appeals. It may then go to the US Supreme Court. The short answer is that they may not be permanent. They may become permanent.

The injunctions were not based on the Second Amendment. They were based on ATF's violation of the Administrative Procedures Act. The ATF violated legal procedures when they made these rules. It is easier for courts to ban an action based on procedural violations than a constitutional right. These injunctions are a defeat for the usual suspects. They are not a complete victory for us, not yet.

Of more concern is the upcoming Rahimi decision by the US Supreme Court. Mr. Rahimi was convicted of possessing guns while under a civil protective order for abusing his girlfriend. He is reportedly guilty of firing guns at people. He has not been convicted of any of these shootings. At oral argument a Justice asked his attorney if his client was a dangerous person. This is a bad sign. However Miranda was a very dangerous person and he won his case.

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"One of these days they are going to remove so much of the 'hooy' and the thousands of things the schools have become clogged up with, and we will find that we can educate our broods for about one-tenth of the price and learn 'em something that they might accidentally use after they escape."

-- Humorist Will Rogers

The judiciary of the United States is the subtle corps of sappers and miners constantly working under ground to undermine the foundations of our confederated fabric. They are construing our constitution from a co-ordination of a general and special government to a general and supreme one alone."

--Thomas Jefferson

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SB 771 - This act modifies provisions relating to the use of self-defense.

PRESUMPTION OF REASONABLENESS (Section 563.031)

Under current law, the defendant has the burden to prove he or she reasonably believed physical or deadly force was necessary to protect him or herself or a third person.

This act provides that there shall be a presumption of reasonableness that the defendant believed such force was necessary to defend him or herself or a third person.

IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY (Section 563.085)

This act provides that a person who uses or threatens to use force in self-defense is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action for the use of such force, unless such force was used against a law enforcement officer who was acting in the performance of his or her official duties and the person reasonably knew or should have known that the person was a law enforcement officer.

Finally, this act repeals provisions relating to civil remedies that are unaffected by criminal provisions of self-defense law.

SB 783 - Under current law, a person may use deadly force against a person who unlawfully enters or attempts to unlawfully enter a dwelling, residence, or vehicle lawfully occupied by such person. This act adds that a person may also use deadly force against a person who unlawfully enters a place of employment, retail establishment, or other place of business in which the individual using such force has a right to be.

Additionally, a person has no duty to retreat from a place of employment where the person is not unlawfully entering or remaining.

SB 788 - This act establishes "Blair's Law" which specifies that a person commits the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm if, with criminal negligence, he or she discharges a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality. Any such person shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for the first offense, a class E felony for the second offense, and a class D felony for any third or subsequent offenses. These provisions will not apply if the firearm is discharged under circumstances as provided in the act.

SB 790 - This act creates the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor. A person under the age of 18 commits such offense if he or she knowingly possesses a handgun or ammunition for a handgun. This offense shall be a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall not apply to any of the following people with the prior written consent of his or her parent or guardian:

- A temporary transfer or possession of a handgun or ammunition by a person under the age of 18 in the course of employment, farming, target practice, hunting, or during a firearms safety course;
- A person under the age of 18 who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard;
- A transfer by inheritance of title of a handgun or ammunition to a person under the age of 18; and
- A person under the age of 18 who is using a handgun or ammunition in self-defense.

Additionally, this act provides that any firearm confiscated for the purposes of prosecution or investigation shall be returned to the owner if the firearm was used by a minor to commit an unlawful act and such minor was not the lawful owner of the firearm.

SB 944 - This act establishes an "extreme risk order of protection" which allows a court to restrain or enjoin a respondent from possessing any firearm if a law enforcement officer or agency proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an immediate and significant danger exists to a respondent at risk of causing personal injury to him or herself or others.

A court may immediately issue an ex parte order of protection for good cause shown and the court shall order the respondent to surrender all firearms as provided in the act. If the respondent does not comply, then a law enforcement officer serving the order shall conduct a lawful search and seizure of any firearms of the respondent. The court shall then hold a hearing within 15 days of the filing the petition and, if the court issues a full extreme risk order of protection, the person subject to the order of protection shall surrender any firearms in his or her possession, control, or ownership as provided in the act.

Additionally, this act provides that a respondent to an extreme risk order of protection may file a petition to modify or rescind an order. A law enforcement officer or agency may also renew the extreme risk order of protection for up to one year from the expiration of the preceding order.

Finally, any violation of an ex parte or full extreme risk order of protection shall be a class A misdemeanor for the first violation and a class E felony for any subsequent violation.

SB 971 - This act creates and modifies provisions relating to firearms.

ASSAULT WEAPONS (Section 571.023)

This act provides that no person, corporation, or other entity in Missouri shall manufacture, import, possess, purchase, sell, or transfer any assault weapon or large capacity magazine as defined in the act. Any person in violation of this act shall be guilty of a class C felony.

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This act shall not apply to government entities or agents, law enforcement officers, manufacturers selling to government entities, properly licensed firearms dealers, and any person legally in possession of an assault weapon or large capacity magazine prior to the effective date of this act.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM (Section 571.070 & 571.080)

This act provides that any person committed to a mental institution at 16 years of age or older is prohibited from possessing a firearm unless he or she petitions the court to remove the disqualification pursuant to current law.

Additionally, this act provides that for firearm purchasers under the age of 21, a background check is required to determine whether the individual has a juvenile record that would disqualify him or her from purchasing firearms, pursuant to federal law.

SB 998 - This act establishes the "Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act" which provides that any federal order of protection or other judicial order issued by a court to confiscate any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition from any law-abiding citizen shall be considered an infringement on the people's right to keep and bear arms.

Additionally, no public agency, political subdivision, or law enforcement agency shall receive any federal funding for the purpose of enforcing any federal acts or judicial orders confiscating any firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition.

SB 1004 - This act establishes the "Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act" which provides that any federal order of protection or other federal judicial or executive order which directs the seizure of a firearm or prohibits the possession of a firearm, except any person who cannot possess a firearm under state law or is otherwise required to surrender any firearm as part of a criminal investigation, shall not be enforced in this state.

Additionally, no public agency, political subdivision, or law enforcement agency shall receive any federal funding for the purpose of enforcing any federal acts or judicial orders confiscating any firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition. Any political subdivision or law enforcement officer who violates this act shall be subject to a \$50,000 penalty per occurrence.

Sovereign immunity shall not be an affirmative defense.

This act contains an emergency clause.

SB 1034 - This act provides that a person commits the offense of unlawful transfer of weapons if he or she knowingly sells, leases, loans, gives away, or delivers a firearm to any person who is on the Terrorist Screening Center's No Fly List or to any person who is a member of an international or domestic terrorist group. This offense shall be a class A misdemeanor.

Additionally, this act modifies the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by adding a person who appears on the Terrorist Screening Center's No fly List and a person who is a member of an international or domestic terrorist group to people who are prohibited from possessing firearms. This offense shall be a class A misdemeanor.

SB 1044 - This act creates the offense of unlawful possession of a handgun if the person is a minor and knowingly possesses a handgun. This offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100, imprisonment in a juvenile detention facility for a period not to exceed 10 days, or both.

SB 1100 - This act provides that no person, corporation, or other entity in Missouri shall manufacture, import, possess, purchase, sell, or transfer any assault weapon or large capacity magazine as defined in the act. Any person in violation of this act shall be guilty of a class C felony.

This act shall not apply to government entities or agents, law enforcement officers, manufacturers selling to government entities, properly licensed firearms dealers, and any person legally in possession of an assault weapon or large capacity magazine prior to the effective date of this act.

SB 1101 - Under current law, carrying concealed firearms is prohibited in certain areas. This act adds that concealed firearms are prohibited in any public library.

SB 1146 - Under current law, a person may use deadly force against a person who unlawfully enters or attempts to unlawfully enter a dwelling, residence, or vehicle lawfully occupied by such person. This act adds that a person may also use deadly force against a person who unlawfully enters a place of employment, retail establishment, or other place of business in which the individual using such force has a right to be.

Additionally, a person has no duty to retreat from a place of employment where the person is not unlawfully entering or remaining.

SB 1183 - This act modifies provisions regarding the unlawful possession of firearms.

ADULT & CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION ORDERS(SECTIONS 455.050 & 455.523)

This act allows the court, after issuing any order of protection, to prohibit the respondent from knowingly possessing or purchasing any firearm while the order is in effect. The court will inform the respondent in writing and, if the respondent is present, orally of such prohibition of firearms. Additionally, the court will forward the order to the state highway patrol and the state highway patrol will notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation within 24 hours that such an order has

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been received.

REPORTING TO HIGHWAY PATROL (SECTION 565.076)

This act requires that after a conviction for the offense of domestic assault in the fourth degree, the court will forward the record of conviction to the state highway patrol and the state highway patrol will notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation within 24 hours that such record has been received.

OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM (SECTION 571.070)

This act modifies the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm to include a person who possesses a firearm and has been convicted of a misdemeanor offense of domestic violence or other misdemeanor domestic violence crimes or a person subject to an order of protection under this act.

HB 1408 -- EMPLOYEE POSSESSION OF FIREARM This bill prohibits an employer from terminating an employee for having a firearm in his or her vehicle when arriving to or leaving from the employer's property for employment purposes or when the employee is acting within the scope of his or her employment. This provision shall only apply to employees who are not prohibited from possessing a firearm by law. The employer is not civilly liable for injuries or damages resulting from the use of the firearm.

HB 1461 -- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM Currently, a person is in unlawful possession of a firearm if that person knowingly possesses a firearm and has been convicted of a felony by any state, is a fugitive from justice, is habitually intoxicated, or has been found mentally incompetent. This bill expands unlawful possession of a firearm to include any person who has been convicted of domestic assault, is in the United States illegally, was dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces, has renounced their United States citizenship, or has an order of protection issued against them. This bill contains an emergency clause.

HB 1462 -- FIREARMS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS This bill repeals Section 21.750, RSMo, in which the General Assembly preempts the entire field of firearms regulation. This bill allows political subdivisions to regulate firearms in any manner allowed by state and federal law that is consistent with their police powers or charter.

HB 1498 -- TRANSPORTING FIREARMS This bill requires that firearms being transported or stored in a motor vehicle be unloaded and stored in a locked trunk or locked container. The bill makes exceptions for certain individuals if the concealable firearm is in the passenger compartment of the vehicle, is lawfully possessed, and the firearm: is a handgun under the direct control of the person carrying the firearm; the person is in possession of an exposed firearm or projectile weapon for the lawful pursuit of game; the person and motor vehicle are in the person's dwelling unit or premises; or the person is traveling on a continuous journey peaceably through this state.

571.060. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful transfer of weapons if he or 2 she: Knowingly sells, leases, loans, gives away or delivers a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who, under the provisions of section 571.070, is not lawfully entitled to possess such

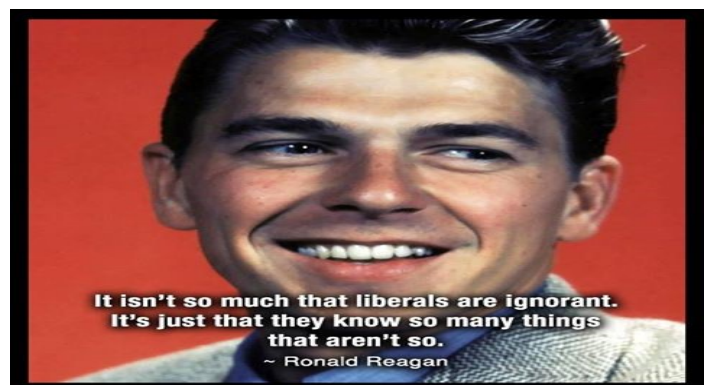
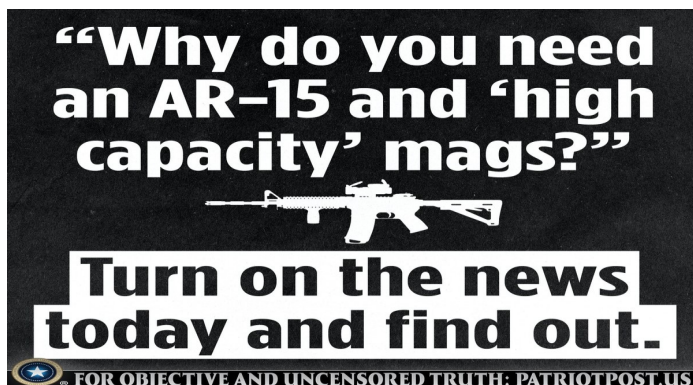
HB1772 Changes the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by allowing persons who have completed their sentence for a nonviolent felony to possess firearms

HB1878 Requires that all sales or transfers of firearms be processed through a licensed firearms dealer

HB 2047 Requires a firearm owner to report lost or stolen firearms

"Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak (*Politically Correct Speech*) is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thoughtcrime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it."

—George Orwell



Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. --James Bovard



The battle literally never stops with the gun grabbers in DC. Moments before we killed THREE of their gun control bills in the Senate on Wednesday, Massachusetts Democrat Elizabeth Warren and Georgia Democrat Hank Johnson introduced a monster Gun Control Mega Bill!

Make no mistake, crazed leftists in Washington, D.C. are willing to do whatever it takes to try to destroy our heritage of freedom!

We will be breaking this bill down on video for you in the coming days, but you should know S. 3407 / H.R. 6596 is the KITCHEN SINK of gun control bills.

If passed, this legislation would:

- >>> Create a national permit to buy a gun
- >>> Establish a nationwide gun registry
- >>> Institute a national 'Red Flag Gun Seizures' law
- >>> Ban virtually every semi-automatic rifle in America
- >>> Make it a felony to buy a 'high capacity' magazine
- >>> Tax guns at 30% and ammo at 50%
- >>> Put you in jail for buying more than 1 gun a month
- >>> Force you to lock up your firearms at all times
- >>> Criminalize the sale of firearms to adults under 21
- >>> Ban the sale of suppressors
- >>> Make it a crime to build a firearm in your own home

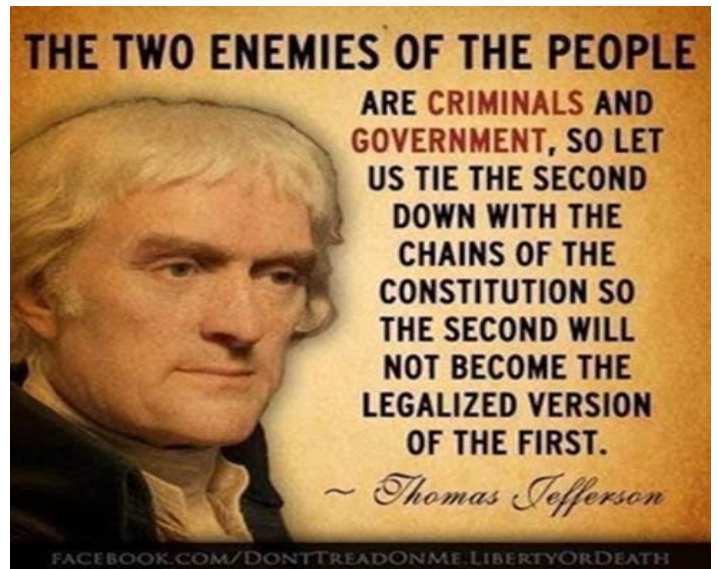
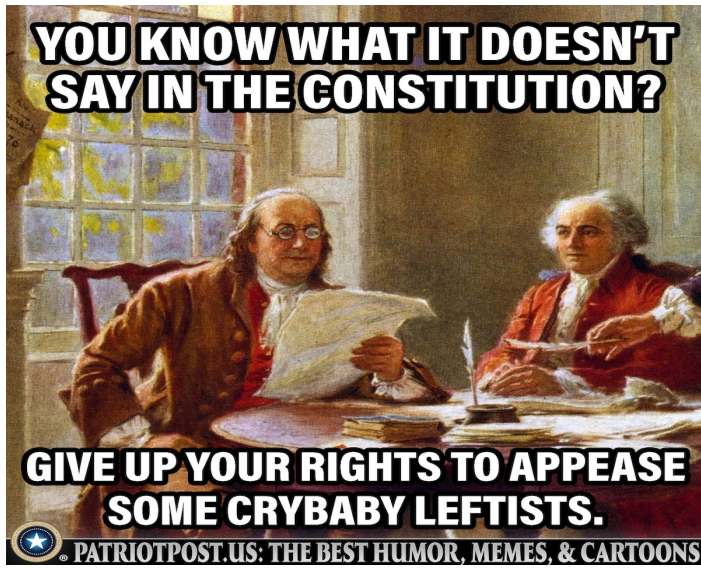
And that's just the start, as this gun control monstrosity is well over 100 pages long.

Gun owners need to FLOOD Washington, D.C. with emails immediately.

They need to know that we are watching this, and will hold politicians accountable if they support this bill!

"The gun has been called the great equalizer, meaning that a small person with a gun is equal to a large person, but it is a great equalizer in another way, too. It insures that the people are the equal of their government whenever that government forgets that it is servant and not master of the governed. When the British forgot that they got a revolution. And, as a result, we Americans got a Constitution; a Constitution that, as those who wrote it were determined, would keep men free. If we give up part of that Constitution we give up part of our freedom and increase the chance that we will lose it all."

--Ronald Reagan



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