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Fighting for your Second Amendment Rights since 1965

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Government Interest vs Personal Rights

Governor Hochul applauded passage of the 2022 NYS Concealed Carry Improvement Act and stated: "I refuse to surrender my right as governor to protect New Yorkers from gun violence or any other form of harm. In New York State, we will continue leading the way forward and implementing common sense gun safety legislation."

Governor Kathy Hochul has repeatedly said she was trying to protect the citizens of New York State when she signed the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) in July 2022. Factually she did so in animosity to the decision by the Supreme Court in NYSRPA v. Bruen.

Does the government have a basis for restricting our Second Amendment right in order to protect the citizenry? They would have us believe that the Second Amendment does not protect an individual right to keep and bear arms. Instead, they claim it protects a militia right or a military right. But an individual right to own a gun for personal protection is an idea that is deeply rooted in American culture. Moreover, the Supreme Court's decision in Heller in 2008 said: "The Second Amendment protects a right that is exercised individually and belongs to all Americans."

Yet elected officials and their allies continue to insist on appealing to emotion when people are innocently injured or killed because of domestic violence and emphasizing the unconstitutional removal of guns by utilizing "red flag" laws.

Second Amendment Foundation's (SAF) Executive Director Adam Kraut said: "Red

flag laws are based on the inherently Orwellian belief that you can take actions against someone for an alleged crime that hasn't occurred. Such laws authorize seizure and punishment for a crime nobody committed but which could occur at some place and time in the future. This may work in a science fiction movie but should not be allowed in real life."

Despite the existence of tragic events, we do not believe that we should measure or define our rights on the basis of how others may misuse these rights or their misbehavior. A psychopath's misbehavior should not be a basis for us losing our right to own a particular firearm of our choice. Cars, like guns, can be misused but this is not a good reason for banning cars.

The Supreme Court's decision in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen is a rebuke to lower federal courts that for years have been rubber-stamping gun control laws based on a "two-step" analysis that frequently amounts to approving restrictions as long as the government can articulate some reasons for them. That approach has proven highly deferential to the government.

Our rights are there to thwart the government.



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"Guns are our friends because in a country without guns, I'm what's known as "prey." All females are."

Ann Coulter

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A History Lesson

By Richard Rossi

I am sure we have all learned about the American Revolutionary War. I certainly did when I was in school many years ago.

Let's take a trip back through history as it applies to firearms since those that do not learn from history are destined to repeat it.

Starting in 1764, Great Britain enacted a series of measures aimed at raising tax revenue from its thirteen American colonies. These measures included the "Sugar Act", "Stamp Act" and "Townshend Acts". From them the famous quote was born: "*Taxation without representation is tyranny.*"

The famous "Boston Tea Party" was one way the colonists answered.

A more dramatic answer was the American Revolution and the event that finally initiated the conflict was the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19th, 1775. On the previous night, 700 British troops marched towards Concord in order to seize an arms cache (Confiscation and illegal search and seizure). They were met in Lexington by 77 *Militiamen*. A confrontation started and the British "Redcoats" were forced to retreat.

Why mention this event?

Because this was one of the reasons why our Second Amendment was included in our Bill of Rights. Our Founding Fathers were well aware of the impact and implications that the disarmament of our colonists would have had in 1775. If the British have actually seized the arms of the colonists, the outcome might have been much different.

Jumping forward to August 31st, 1911, when the start of the '*slippery slope*' of unconstitutional laws that infringed on our Second Amendment Rights was born in New York State. It was the Sullivan Act.

This NYS law required that New Yorkers possess a license to carry a concealed firearm. The license was issued at the sole discretion of the police department - if a citizen could obtain a license ("May Issue"). However, even after a review, a citizen could be denied by the Department - as NY was not a "Shall Issue" state.

It took until a U.S. Supreme Court ruling - *NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn Vs Bruen on June 23, 2022* - to strike down the proper cause requirement based on violations of

the 2nd and 14th Amendments of our U.S. Constitution.

On June 26th, 1934 - the *National Firearms Act* (NFA) was enacted. The NFA covers Machine Guns, Short-barreled rifles, Short-barreled shotguns and Suppressors /Silencers. (In 1968, additional classes of items were added.)

Basically, the Act imposed an excise tax on the manufacture and transfer of certain firearms and mandated the registration of those firearms. This was the first attack on the federal level to not only restrict 2A Rights but also to mandate an excise tax on Constitutional Rights.

In 1938, the United States District Court of the Western District ruled the statute unconstitutional in *United states vs. Miller*. The government claimed a short-barreled shotgun was not a "militia weapon, protected by the Second Amendment. The court agreed with Miller. But on appeal, *Miller* was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court which ruled that NFA provisions were not in violation of the Second Amendment.

As we know, the controversy over our Second Amendment continues. Our U.S. Supreme Court, at times, does NOT consider the wording of the Second Amendment in the same way as our original Founding Fathers intended and envisioned. Instead of seeing it as it was originally intended, the Supreme Court has sometimes looked at our Constitution/Bill of Rights as a "living Document," not constrained by our Founding Father's meaning.

The Second Amendment wording clearly implied that the Government shall not infringe on the right to keep and bear arms. The Amendment did not grant the people the right to bear arms, it safeguarded that right.

The Second Amendment was created to prevent government overreach and its control of the people. It was to limit our newly formed government from infringing on this right.

As we all are aware there is controversy today concerning the *Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives* (ATF) which oversees enforcement of gun laws.

The roots of this agency go back decades. The ATF was established back in 1791, under President George Washington, after the first whiskey tax was passed. (The A in ATF.)

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As of 2002, the ATF is now a law enforcement agency, under the Department of Justice.

Under the United States Constitution, only the *Legislative Branch* of the government can create laws. The ATF is an agency of the Justice Department, which is part of the Executive Branch, therefore it cannot create laws. It can only enforce them.

As we have seen, this is where the controversy has arisen, over the years. The ATF, by passing rules and regulation concerning firearms, has unconstitutionally created laws; a clear violation of our Constitution.

Our Courts, at all levels, should have ruled that the ATF's activity was not constitutional. However, this is where the "waters of our Judiciary" become muddy. Our Rights and Freedoms are only protected as long as our Judiciary stands up for "We The People". This is not always the case.

Some of the blame is squarely in the hands of our elected representatives in Congress as well as our state

legislature. However, *We The People*, have neglected our duties and let this go unchallenged.

Thinking back to 1775... If those courageous 77 Patriots did not stand up for their God given Right to self-defense, we might still be a part of the British Empire.

With the deterioration of our judicial system our courts are no longer the "check" that our Founding Fathers envisioned.

It is the responsibility of American patriots – the American citizens – to stand firm and restore our rights and freedoms. All of them. We are the last line of defense. The 77 militiamen. This is our Lexington and Concord



Interstate license to carry

Massachusetts, like New York, is noted for ignoring the Supreme Court's decisions on the 2nd Amendment. For instance, in *Caetano v Massachusetts*, every Massachusetts' court ruled that a stun gun was illegal in Massachusetts because it did not exist at the time the 2nd Amendment was passed. It took the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) to remind Massachusetts' courts that SCOTUS had already said that guns did not have to be in existence in 1792 to be legal.

Much to our surprise and delight, in another case, one Massachusetts district court recently obeyed SCOTUS rulings. While the decision only applied to this specific case, it provides the rationale for concealed carry reciprocity between states.

In the Commonwealth v. Dean Donnell, a New Hampshire man (Donnell) was charged in a Massachusetts' District court for carrying a firearm in Massachusetts without a non-resident license to carry (LTC).

Donnell's legal team filed a motion to dismiss the case claiming the law violates the Second Amendment and, therefore, is unconstitutional. In the *Bruen* decision, SCOTUS ruled that the 2nd Amendment must be interpreted based on the text, history, and tradition of the Second Amendment as it was understood when the amendment was passed in 1792. Donnell's legal team argued that "there is no historical analogue burdening the right to interstate travel" with a firearm.

Also, Donnell argued that the defendant's rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution were also violated since LTCs for

Massachusetts residents are good for five years but a Non-state resident's temporary LTC must be renewed annually.

Because **Massachusetts could not give an example of a similar law stopping an otherwise law-abiding citizen from carrying a firearm outside their home state during the ratification of the Second Amendment**, the judge ruled that the law Donnell was accused of violating was inconsistent with the text, history, and tradition of the Second Amendment.

The judge also applied the Equal Protection Clause by pointing out the difference in the length of time a non-resident and a resident license lasted.

The judge also rejected the state's claim "that the licensing scheme imposes a permissible burden because of the substantial state interest in preventing certain people from possessing firearms." The judge pointed out that certain people are already prohibited by federal law, so the state's argument wasn't valid.

As we often point out, criminals already ignore gun control laws while most gun control laws make criminals of otherwise law-abiding citizens. The judge said that a person should not become a felon for exercising a constitutional right while passing through Massachusetts. The judge dismissed the case. As we said, this case is a state-level case and only affects the defendant but provides a rationale for reciprocity.

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PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT FIREARMS 2024 LEGISLATION

Senate Bill S02978

Prohibits the possession of certain 50 caliber firearms and directs the division of state police to embark on a program whereby persons currently in lawful possession of such weapons may be reimbursed for the fair market value thereof, upon turning in such weapons to a designated officer.

Introduced on January 26, 2023 by democrat Senator Brian Kavanaugh, district 27 (Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties and parts of Erie, Monroe, Niagara, and Ontario counties).

Same As Bill: Currently, there is NO same bill in the Assembly.

History of Bill: 2023-01-26 – Referred to the Senate Codes Committee.

50 caliber' weapon means:

Any rifle capable of firing a center-fire cartridge of a caliber 50 or greater that is capable of firing a projectile that attains a muzzle energy of 12 thousand foot-pounds or greater in any combination of bullet, propellant, case, or primer or

Any copy or duplicate of any such weapon that is capable of firing a projectile that attains a muzzle energy of 12 thousand foot-pounds or greater regardless of caliber or any rifle capable of firing a center-fire cartridge defined in the above talking points, possessed prior to the effective date of this subdivision.

Exceptions include:

Any weapon capable of firing a center-fired cartridge that has been rendered PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE or

Any weapon capable of firing a center-fire cartridge that is an antique firearm or

Any weapon that was manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current date, but not including replicas thereof, that is validly registered pursuant to subdivision 20 of section 400.00 of this chapter or

Any muzzle-loading rifle or shotgun with a rifled bore.

S02978 Requirements:

Any weapon defined in paragraph b of this subdivision may only be:

Sold to or exchanged with or disposed of to a purchaser authorized to possess such weapons or;

Sold to an individual or entity outside of the State provided that any such transfer to an individual or entity outside of the State must be reported to the entity wherein the weapons is registered within 72 hours of such transfer.

Penalty - An individual who transfers any such weapon to an individual inside New York State or without complying with the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, unless transferred within one year of the effective date of this subdivision.

Registration of 50 Caliber Weapons:

An owner of a weapon defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision 36 of section 265.00 of this chapter, POSSESSED before the effective date of this sub division MUST make an application to register such weapon with the superintendent of state police, in the manner provided by the superintendent, or by amending a license issued pursuant to this section within one year of the effective date of this subdivision,

Except any weapon older than 50 years transferred into the state may be registered at any time, provided such weapons are registered within 30 days of their transfer into the State.

A seller must notify the state police within 72 hours of the transfer and the buyer must register the weapon with the state police.

All registrants shall RECERTIFY to the state police every 5 years thereafter. FAILURE to recertify shall result in a revocation of such registration.

S02978 Requirements

A retired NYS or federal law enforcement officer, who owns a 50 caliber firearm prior to retirement, must register such weapon within 60 days of retirement.

State police shall create and maintain a "50 caliber weapons WEBPAGE to educate the public as to which 50 caliber weapons are illegal as a result of the enactment of this subdivision, and which 50 caliber models require registration.

Penalties:

A person who KNOWINGLY fails to apply to register such weapon within 1 year of the effective date of this subdivision shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

A person who UNKNOWINGLY fails to register such weapon within such 2 year period shall be given a WARNING and given 30 days to register or the weapon will be removed and declared a nuisance.

Compliance with the ban on the sale, possession or use of 50 caliber weapons:

Persons, including dealers of firearms in lawful possession of 50 caliber weapons may bring themselves into compliance which bans the sale, possession or use of

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such weapons.

Within 30 days of the effective date of this section, any licensed firearm dealer who has a NEW 50 caliber weapon in his possession shall be entitled to a full refund or credit in the amount equal to the purchase price of such weapon. If the distributor or manufacturer fails or refuses to refund or credit such dealer, the dealer shall notify the state police who notifies the Attorney General so the AG can intercede to secure such refund or credit.

Within 30 days of the effective date of this section, any person including a licensed firearm dealer who has a 50 caliber weapon in his possession shall personally DELIVER such weapon the state police and shall receive payment in the amount equal to the fair market value, but not to exceed \$8,500

SCOPE Position on S02978: OPPOSE.

Section 1 states, “declares that 50 caliber or larger weapons having the capacity for RAPIDLY DISCHARGING AMMUNITION have no acceptable purpose”. Laws already EXIST prohibiting machine guns (Firearms Owners Protect Act – 1986). Existing 50 caliber weapons are single shot, bolt action rifles, not machine guns.

Currently NY State ranks 4th lowest number of gun deaths in the U.S. No one is getting shot with 50 caliber weapons in NY State. This bill is an attempt to exert more control over the citizens of NY State. Criminals using 50 caliber weapons would not adhere to this bill.

NY State Proposed Firearm Legislation

The current NY Legislature is in office for 2023 and 2024. Any proposed bills introduced in 2023, but not approved or rejected, are automatically carried over into 2024. If those bills are not acted on in 2024, they are dead and must be reintroduced as a new bill, with a new number, in 2025.

Below is a list of bills concerning firearms that were introduced in 2023 and are still alive.(There are probably more!) Assembly bills start with an A and Senate bills start with an S. Some bills have 'companion' bills introduced in both the Senate and the Assembly and they are noted. You can find more information on these bills on LEGISCAN.com

A04140 Includes certain violations involving the use of a machine-gun, firearm silencer, firearm, rifle, shotgun, disguised gun, ghost gun or assault weapon as qualifying offenses for the purpose of imposing bail.

A05884 S05628 Establishes a private cause of action for certain violations regarding machine-guns, assault weapons, disguised guns, ghost guns, and unfinished frames or receivers.

A01503 Includes offenses involving the possession, display or discharge of a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine-gun, or disguised gun as qualifying offenses for the purpose of allowing a principal to be eligible to be held on bail.

S00248 Relates to gun buy back programs; requires entities operating such programs to check the serial number of all firearms obtained against the NYSPIN records and to

obtain the express permission of the lawful owner of any firearm found to be stolen before the destruction thereof.

AA03995 Authorizes the court the discretion to release persons charged with certain crimes involving possession of a firearm on their own recognizance or under non-monetary conditions, fix bail, or commit the person to the custody of the sheriff.

S07364 A07489 Relates to the regulation of three-dimensional printed firearms; provides that a person who intentionally sells, distributes, or disposes of a three-dimensional printed firearm is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

A05380 Enacts the "children's weapon accident prevention act"; creates crimes of failure to store a weapon safely in the first and second degrees, aggravated failure to store a weapon safely, and criminally negligent storage of a weapon in the first and second degrees; provides affirmative defenses; directs the commissioner of education to develop a weapons safety program.

S00430 A00829 Prohibits the possession and use of live ammunition at a film production facility or a qualified film production facility; requires all persons employed or present at a film production facility or a qualified film production facility to receive proper training on the safe use, handling, storage and transportation of firearms.

S00930 A01566 Restricts the sale of ammunition to only individuals authorized to possess such weapon; creates the no-gun database under the division of criminal justice services.

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A06193 Relates to suspension and revocation of firearms licenses; relates to private sale or disposal of firearms, rifles or shotguns; establishes a minimum age to possess a firearm relating to gun control.

A05834 Prohibits gun industry members from marketing firearms and firearm related products to minors; establishes a private right of action for violations.

A00754 Prohibits entry to gun shows to anyone under twelve years of age.

A00442 Establishes the offense of unlawful possession of firearms by persons under twenty-one.

A04225 Increases penalties for criminal use of a firearm in the first degree when committing a drug related felony offense.

S00632 A02572 Requires the division of criminal justice services to establish and maintain a database of information relating to the sale or use of microstamped guns in the state and to promulgate regulations regarding the provision of information pertaining to the sale, use or delivery of such guns within the state.

S05919 A04236 Relates to establishing the civil rights restoration act; amends provisions regarding firearm licenses and destruction of firearms; exempts certain individuals from providing photographs in order to obtain a firearm license; expands the definition of immediate family.

A06141 Establishes the crimes of carjacking in first, second and third degrees, as the stealing of a motor vehicle from a person or presence of another person through the use or threatened use of force; increases penalties for causing injury to such victim, displaying a real or fake gun or using such a weapon; provides that all carjackings are violent felony offenses.

A02684 Expands juvenile offender status to include rape in the first degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree, aggravated sexual abuse in the first degree, aggravated sexual abuse in the second degree and aggravated sexual abuse in the third degree if committed by persons thirteen, fourteen or fifteen years of age.

S04657 Establishes the class A-I felony of criminal use of a firearm for possessing a deadly weapon or displaying what appears to be or is a rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, machine gun or other firearm during the commission of a class A or violent felony; repeals the offenses of criminal use of a firearm in the first or second degrees.

A01892 Provides for the posting of firearm signage in areas in which the rate of gun violence is above the national average.

A02413 S02102 Requires police officers to take temporary custody of firearms for not less than one hundred twenty hours when responding to reports of family violence.

S00696 Removes the prohibition on firearm silencers.

S03420 Relates to criminal penalties for possession, theft, or sale of stolen firearms, shotguns and rifles.

S07365 Requires reasonable controls and procedures to be taken with respect to the sale, manufacturing, importing and marketing of rapid fire modification devices.

A03314 Requires liability insurance for owners of firearms, rifles and shotguns.

A06125 S05894 Requires victims of firearm violence be offered and/or provided psychiatric care.

A02209 S00816 Makes clarifying changes to the definition of imitation weapon.

A05377 Prohibits the promotion, sale, transfer, exchange, giving or disposing of a weapon on property owned by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

S04150 Relates to limiting the acquisition of a rifle or shotgun to one per ninety-day period.

A03373 S04211 Enhances the penalties for crimes committed during a riot.

A05049 S02635 Relates to licensing and other provisions relating to firearms.

S02611 Relates to lowering the age for universal hunting licenses from 14 years old to 12 years old.

A04246 Expands qualifying offenses eligible for pretrial detention and bail.

S03191 A02940 Relates to hunting and hunting licenses.



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Bath Rod & Gun Club,
Black Rock Fish & Game Club,
Blasdell Rod & Gun Club
Bog Trotters Rifle & Pistol Club
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Morgan Hill Game Association
Neighbors Gun Club
New Paltz Rod & Gun Club,
Newark Rod & Gun Club
Newfield Rod & Gun Club,
North Seneca Sportsmen's Club
North Star Sportsman's Club,
Northern Chautauqua Rifle
& Pistol Club
Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club,
Northwoods Sportsmen Association
NY Houndsmen
Conservation Association
Oakfield Rod & Gun Club
Oatka Fish & Game Club,
Olean Rod & Gun Club,
Ontario Rod & Gun Club,
Painted Post Field & Stream Club
Point Rock Fish & Game Club
Pulaski Police Association
Red Creek Conservation Club,

Ripley Rod & Gun Club
Rochester Brooks Gun Club
Rochester Rifle Club
Roslyn Rifle & Revolver Club
SaraSpa Rod & Gun Club
Schroon Lake Fish & Game Club
Scio Rod & Gun Club
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Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
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Sons of American Legion
Squadron 734
South Bristol Fish
& Game Association,
South Seneca Sportsmens Club
Sportsmans Coon
Hunters Association
Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park
Springville Field & Stream Club,
Sprout Brook Rod & Gun Club
Square Deal Sportsmen,
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Steuben Co Federation of
Conservation Clubs
Syracuse Pistol Club
Tonawandas Sportsmens Club
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Vernon Rod & Gun Club
Veterans of America Gun Club
Waterloo Rifle & Pistol Club,
Wellsville Rod & Gun Club
Westfield Fish & Game Club,
Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club,
Williamson Conservation
& Sporting Club
Wolcottsville Sportsman's Club
Wyoming County Conservation
Wyoming County Wildlife Federation
Yates County Federation
of Conservation Clubs
Yates County Sportsmens Association



SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Susan Maressa

To find your county's meeting information go to SCOPEny2a.org/calendar or go to your chapter's page of the website SCOPEny2a.org/chapters.

SCOPE is a 'boots on the ground' organization and we need your boots! We want a chapter in every county to work with our elected officials. If your county does not have an active SCOPE chapter and you are willing to help form a County Committee and subsequently an active Chapter, please contact Don Smith at don6027@gmail.com.

The following is an update of the activities of some of our chapters.

Allegany County:

Held a dinner meeting at The Angelica Hotel on August 15th.

Chairman Krywalski reported on the raffle ticket results from SCOPE's attendance at the Allegany County Fair. There were three raffles occurring at the same time; Firearm, Amish glider and a spaghetti dinner basket (complete with all the wine you need). Ticket sales were great, especially on Family Day as admission was cheaper and the fair was at its busiest.

The chapter has an Amish rocker to raffle; tickets for that will be on sale at the Garlic Festival in September.

The drawing was held for the Legacy over/under shotgun (#130) and for the Amish glider (#876). Congratulations to the winners!

For September's meeting, the chapter will be back at the Angelica Conservation Club.

Capital District/Saratoga County:

On July 25th, the chapter welcomed Peter Tilem of Tilem & Associates, PC who presented a power point presentation on self-defense and the use of deadly force laws. Mr. Tilem covered licensing in NYC and 5 boroughs, various case discussion covering cross border cases and red flag laws and potential litigation. Specific discussions were: Article 35 use of force laws; defense burden of proof; use of physical force/duty to retreat; justification in defense of premise. A Q&A session was held after the presentation. A big thank you goes out to Peter Tilem for his time and expertise.

On August 16th, the chapter met at the West Albany Rod & Gun Club. Topic discussed were:

1. Places of worship are now permitted to assign armed protection details. This isn't the perfect answer but it is better than not allowing any conceal carry.

2. The New York State Police recently hosted a

call to discuss upcoming changes for firearms and ammunition retailers. As New York transitions to being a 'point of contact state,' the state police will assume the role of initial contact and clearing house for all background checks. The FBI will cease its connections with Federal Firearms Licensees in New York State upon this transition. Starting August 16th, all NYS Firearms and Ammunition Dealers had to begin registering under the new system. The targeted date for the NYS Police to take over processing NICS applications was Wednesday, September 13th. New background check fees will be introduced: \$9 for firearms and \$2.50 for ammunition, commencing on that date. The state police will serve as intermediaries for firearms transactions, where background checks will flow through NYSP to NICS. Notably, NICS checks are typically free, but New York's new system introduces fees.

3. The introduction of the state's involvement has raised questions about functionality, recourse, appeals processes, and potential delays. Concerns about passing a firearm background check but failing an ammunition check due to more extensive in-state record checks highlight some of the uncertainties.

4. Live operators will only provide technical assistance and will not have the ability to enter NICS applications on behalf of businesses, which will affect customer service.

A 2-day pistol training session scheduled for August 26th & 27th was announced. This event offers a fantastic opportunity to enhance your skills and knowledge in a supportive and educational environment.

Blue Line United event: September 24th; Capital District SCOPE will have 2 tents set up.

Cattaraugus County:

Met on July 13th. Upcoming event preparations were the main topic of conversation: the Cattaraugus County Fair; Rendezvous Weekend; and the West Valley Sportsmen's Raffle. All take place between the end of July and the start of September. One-year new SCOPE memberships are being raffled off at these events.

Chairman Jim Land played a video regarding when to use deadly force; the 3 criteria are ability, opportunity, and jeopardy.

There will be no regular monthly meeting in August due to the event schedule for the chapter.

Erie County

At their July meeting, Erie County welcomed representatives of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The organization provides post-suicide counseling to survivors; particularly to those suicides that involve the use of firearms. They discussed what factors could lead to such suicides and what steps could be taken

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to avoid such incidents. Firearm suicides are often used by anti-2nd amendment advocates to smear the rights of gun owners and to smear the 2nd amendment itself.

Genesee County:

Met on August 8th. This summer was very busy with events. Thank you to all who helped at the Genesee Co. Fair and Antique Truck Show. More events are upcoming: Alexander Gun Show; Pembroke Car Cruise; Genesee Air Show; Godfrey's Pond Open House; Steam Show; Northwoods Gun Raffle.

There was a lengthy discussion about the new ammo laws going into effect in September as well as 3 year recertification and concealed carry laws.

Monroe County:

On June 27th, the chapter welcomed Monroe County Clerk, Jamie Romeo. The discussion centered on the new CCIA laws, the processes for handgun & automatic rifle registration and permit recertification's.

On July 25th, Monroe County Executive candidate Mark Assini joined the meeting and an extensive Q&A session was held. It was a very informative meeting.

The Monroe County SCOPE chapter has been holding *Educational Outreaches* at the Sportsman's Warehouse this summer. They have had a positive effect in reaching the public. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time.

A power point presentation was given summarizing Jamie Romeo's talk for those who missed her in June.

Oneida-Herkimer:

Held their meeting on July 10th. The guest speaker was Brian Judycki speaking about Scholastic Trap & MVCC (Mohawk Valley Community College) archery & sporting clays and Oriskany High School. Very long discussion on how this is being done including the cost, and location. Age group is 12-17 with Spring and Fall leagues. A SCOPE chapter officer is in talks with the Ilion High School, for using the Ilion Fish and Game Club.

Schuyler County:

Legal Update for August was posted and included the following:

- Permit numbers have declined, despite Bruen
- Saratoga Springs cracks down on intoxicated gun-carrying
- Mayor Evans extends the Rochester gun violence state of emergency
- Teen shooters and victims
- Jewish charity CEO challenges NY's concealed carry law in court
- Hochul warns of possible upending of 'Red Flag' rules as

orders soar

- Justices take up major Second Amendment dispute
- Federal Court Delivers Blow to ATF's Ban on 'Ghost Guns'

For September's Legal Update:

- NYS taking over background checks for all gun and ammo purchases
- New ammo law will burden high school trap shooting teams
- New York Court of Appeals to review gun control cases
- The Law for Defending Yourself in Public in New York
- Biden admin crackdown on legal gun dealers leads to 350% rise in license loss

The list of information in the Schuyler County Legal updates is endless. Not only information about NY but around the country and at the Federal level. It never hurts to know what other states' gun owners are dealing with; good or bad. All gun owners should be paying attention and making their voices heard at polling time.

These Legal Updates include local, state, and federal information; they are available at www.SCOPEny2a.org/Schuyler.

Steuben County:

Holds its meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. At each meeting, there is an update from the Steuben Chapter of Armed Women of America (AWA). Steuben SCOPE has been instrumental in helping Steuben AWA.

On July 7th, Assembly members Marjorie Byrnes and Phil Palmesano were speakers at the Steuben chapter meeting. Marjorie Byrnes spoke about legislation concerning terrorism, FFL holders, energy policy, climate issues and absentee voting. Phil Palmesano discussed: the NYS budget and how it is out of control; power taken from the legislature and given to the governor; voter ID for voting; laws in favor of criminals; upcoming new 'green' laws; immigration issues; and crypto currency.

Yates County:

Met on August 3rd. As the Yates County chapter is a major donor to the high school sporting clay leagues within the county, there was a lengthy discussion about the Biden administration's restriction on federal funding: *Elementary and Secondary Education Act's (ESEA) current restriction on ESEA funds on "the provision to any person of a dangerous weapon... or training in the use of a dangerous weapon."*

Also discussed was Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's public response in support of the hunting and archery classes in schools.

Chairman Jack Prendergast was also quoted in Tenney's response:

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585-599-3006

AR Pierrepont Co., Inc
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West Seneca, NY 14224
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Ashville, NY 14710
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Canisteo, NY 14823
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Bare Arms Gun Shop, LLC
738 Creek Rd
Little Falls, NY 13365
315-868-4831

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Fairport, NY 14450
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Painted Post, NY 14870
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Avoca, NY 14809-9540
631-988-6303

Dick's Country Store Gun City &
Music Oasis
7429 US Rt 11
Churubusco, NY 12923
5184973253

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Branchport, NY 14418
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Finger Lakes Ammunition
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Auburn, NY 13021
3157304102

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Grand Gorge, NY 12434
607-588-7653

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Wellsville, NY 14895
585-593-8749

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"Biden's extreme agenda is being thwarted by our Constitution, and our First and Second Amendment Rights remain their main targets," said Jack Prendergast, Chairman of The Board, New York State SCOPE. "The Left fears citizens that can speak the truth and defend themselves. That's why the Biden administration is working to drive legal gun retailers out of business and pass laws that will make owning guns unaffordable to all but their elite. With the twisting of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, they are working to discourage another generation from enjoying their constitutional rights. Thank you to Rep Tenney for her leadership on working to restore federal funding to our youth hunting and archery programs."

SCOPE gives us an opportunity to help make our voice heard. We educate voters, donate money to different organizations such as G.O.A to help fund lawsuits. By attending meetings on a regular basis, you have the benefit of staying abreast of the issues. This is also a great way to educate your friends about issues the mainstream press won't report. Be involved; it takes a team of individuals

with many different talents to accomplish what this 2A organization is all about, whether it's manning a booth, planning an event, researching / collecting raffle items, researching legislation, keeping records or so many other important parts of the machinery.

Advertising in FIRING LINES

If you would like to advertise, please call or e-mail SCOPE and we will be happy to assist you in composing and placing an ad

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VFW Post 8647
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Mayville, NY 14757
716-753-2444

Legal Shield/ ID Shield
PO Box 364
Ransomville, NY 14131
716-863-6577

Strong Side Defensive Firearms
Training
5316 Franklin Rd
Marion, NY 14505
585-506-2978

Wallkill River Small Arms, LLC
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Wallkill, NY 12589
844-308-GUNS

Mud Creek Guns & Ammo
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Kennedy, NY 14747
716-267-7505

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8240 Buffalo Rd
Bergen, NY 14416
585-494-0333

Walton's Service Center
1634 Rt 54
Penn Yan, NY 14527
315-536-6928

Precision Armament Division of PM
Research, Inc.
4110 Niles Hill Rd.
Wellsville, NY 14895
585-593-3169

Thunderbird Arms
714 Broadway
Darien Center, NY 14040
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Williamson Hardware
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Williamson, NY 14589
315-589-4011

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North Rose, NY 14516
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PO Box 165, East Aurora, NY 14052

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Date of Application _____ Donation, Annual \$50 _____ Annual Sponsor \$250 _____

Business Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Fax _____

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Website _____ Email _____

Type of business (gun shop, sporting goods, etc.) _____

(Donations to SCOPE are not refundable or tax deductible)

Please use our member businesses whenever you can

Federal Proposed Gun Bills

The following is a list of Federal proposed bills concerning guns. It's long!

These bills have all of 2023 and 2024 in which to be acted on. After that they die.

The brief descriptions come directly from the bills and give you a hint about the purpose of the bill although they can also be misleading. There are too many for SCOPE to review each one so if a bill catches-your-eye, you can find out more about it at <https://legiscan.com>. Please send any thoughts or comments on a specific bill to SCOPE; we'd like to know our members' thinking and it would be a great help.

Bills starting HB are House bills and bills starting SB are Senate bills. Some bills have both an HB and an SB which means companion bills have been introduced in both houses. At the end are two starting HR which are House Resolutions that do not become laws.

HB3122 To require criminal background checks on all firearms transactions occurring at gun shows.

HB4992 HB4679 SB2652 To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to ensure that all firearms are traceable, and for other purposes.

HB3212 To repeal each gun control measure enacted by the 117th Congress, and for other purposes.

SB598 A bill to repeal certain impediments to the administration of the firearms laws.

HB4074 SB1819 To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the distribution of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms, and for other purposes.

HB1302 To repeal certain impediments to the administration of the firearms laws.

HB4283 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase certain taxes related to firearms, and for other purposes.

HB1361 To authorize the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make grants to States, units of local government, and gun dealers to conduct gun buyback programs, and for other purposes.

HB5010 To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Director of the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention, to submit to the Congress an annual report on the effects of gun violence on public health.

HB3687 To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require adequate supervision before a juvenile can possess a firearm, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

HB4780 SB2565 A bill to remove linguistic barriers to participation in Gun Violence Prevention Strategies.

HB698 SB25 A bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

HB4201 To amend title 18, United States Code, to require a gun lock to be provided to every firearm purchaser.

HB1478 To modernize the business of selling firearms.

HB3962 SB1893 A bill to establish a Federal Advisory Council to Support Victims of Gun Violence.

HB1699 SB951 A bill to establish the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, and for other purposes.

HB3683 SB1826 A bill to ensure greater accountability by licensed firearms dealers.

HB2753 To require federally licensed firearms manufacturers, importers, and dealers and their employees to undergo training to be eligible to sell a firearm, to require a notice to be posted at retail firearms locations that describes the signs of unlawful firearms purchases, to require such licensees to maintain physical security elements to prevent theft and a minimum level of business liability insurance, and for other purposes.

HB660 SB173 A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

HB48 To provide for the hiring of 200 additional Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents and investigators to enforce gun laws.

HB1145 To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

HB385 To ban the imposition of any State or local liability insurance, tax, or user fee requirement for firearm or

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ammunition ownership or commerce.

HB3993 To provide a private right of action against the maker of any component of a ghost gun, and any person who facilitated a sale of the ghost gun, for injury or death resulting from the use of the ghost gun.

HB2390 SB1026 A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control HB2390 and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

HB3931 To amend title 18, United States Code, to expand the definition of school zone, to prohibit the transfer and possession of ghost guns, and for other purposes.

HB816 SB246 A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require federally licensed firearms importers, manufacturers, and dealers to meet certain requirements with respect to securing their firearms inventory, business records, and business premises.

SB361 A bill to amend the National Firearms Act to provide an exception for stabilizing braces, and for other purposes.

HB4158 SB1825 A bill to require the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to issue an advisory about how homegrown violent extremists and other perpetrators of domestic terrorism procure firearms and firearm accessories, and for other purposes.

HB1830 To prohibit a Federal firearms licensee from transferring a long gun to a person who the licensee knows or has reasonable cause to believe does not reside in (or if the person is a corporation or other business entity, does not maintain a place of business in) the State in which the licensee's place of business is located.

HB2477 To amend the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 to permit qualified law enforcement officers, qualified retired law enforcement officers, and persons not prohibited by State law from carrying a concealed firearm to carry a firearm, and to discharge a firearm in defense of self or others, in a school zone.

SB1285 A bill to direct the National Center for Education Statistics to produce an annual report on indicators of school crime and safety, and for other purposes.

HB3155 To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the purchase of a semiautomatic assault weapon by, and the sale of such a weapon to, individuals under 25 years of age, and for other purposes.

HB2869 To require the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to publish an annual report on indicators of school crime and safety that includes data on school shootings, and for other purposes.

HB168 To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition.

SB214 A bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

HB4184 SB2048A bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings

HB38 To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a means by which nonresidents of a State whose residents may carry concealed firearms may also do so in the State.

HB1258 To provide adequate protections for gun owners, and for other purposes.

HB1566 To permit employees of the House of Representatives who are authorized to possess certain weapons in the District of Columbia to bring such weapons into House Office Buildings for secure storage, and for other purposes.

HB1271 To amend title 18, United States Code, to discontinue the collection by the Federal Government of firearm transaction records of discontinued firearms businesses, to require the destruction of such already collected records, and for other purposes.

HB730 SB203 A bill to amend section 923 of title 18, United States Code, to require an electronic, searchable database of the importation, production, shipment, receipt, sale, or other disposition of firearms.

HB3492 SB1680 A bill to prohibit Federal funding of State firearm ownership databases, and for other purposes.

HB4436 SB1949 A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from providing firearms and ammunition to its employees, and for other purposes.

HB974 SB118 A bill to remove obstacles to the ability of law enforcement officers to enforce gun safety laws, and for other purposes.

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HB2392 To require a seven-day waiting period before the receipt of a firearm.

HB2897 SB2732A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale or other disposition of any firearm or ammunition to any person who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor, and for other purposes.

HB2418 To require lost or stolen firearms to be reported to law enforcement authorities within 48 hours, and for other purposes.

HB4966 To require the Attorney General to report certain revocation and remedial action data with respect to Federal firearm licenses and to require the Comptroller General of the United States to study the effectiveness of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in investigating and revoking the licenses.

HB962 To amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate.

SB252 A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting the marketing of firearms to minors, and for other purposes.

SB14 A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the purchase of certain firearms by individuals under 21 years of age, and for other purposes.

SB840 A bill to protect the rights of the people of the United States under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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SCOPE Elections

If you want to run for a SCOPE Leadership Position

SCOPE by-laws require anyone wishing to run for an At Large Directorship in 2024 to publish their intentions by January 1, 2024.

At Large Directors to the Board of Directors are elected by the entire membership. These positions are full-fledged board members with full voting rights. At Large directors represent the SCOPE membership as a whole, whereas County Chairs represent their county.

Section 2.2.3 states: *At-Large Directors must be at least 18 years of age and must also have been a member in good standing continuously for at least 2 years prior to their notice of candidacy. The SBOD may waive the two-year requirement.*

To become an At-Large Director candidate a member must give a notice of candidacy and a biography by January 1st to the election committee. The notice of candidacy must be by US Mail and post marked by January 1st of the election year. It shall be mailed to the SCOPE office and forwarded to the election committee.

The member will become a recognized candidate unless the election committee can show cause to the SBOD for ineligibility. The SBOD may waive the two-year requirement for extraordinary circumstances. An inadvertent lapse of membership does not qualify as an extraordinary circumstance.

A chapter chair may not hold the position of At-Large Board member

If you feel you qualify and have interest, please forward your intentions with a biography to:

SCOPE, Inc. Election Committee

PO Box 165

East Aurora, NY 14052-0165

Intentions/Biographies must be postmarked by January 1, 2024

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SB117 A bill to authorize a grant program for handgun licensing programs, and for other purposes.

SB428 A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

HB569 To authorize for a grant program for handgun licensing programs, and for other purposes.

HB354 To amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

HB151 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove short-barreled shotguns from the definition of firearms for purposes of the National Firearms Act, and for other purposes.

HB53 To amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

SB1462 A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weap-

ons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

HB2909 SB1319 A bill to address the importation and proliferation of machinegun conversion devices

HB4330 To amend title 18, United States Code, to require serial numbers to be engraved on ammunition, and for other purposes.

HB715 To require a background check for every firearm sale.

HB3091 To allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, and for other purposes

HR244 Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that mandates imposed on manufacturers requiring inclusion of unproven and unreliable technology in firearms is costly and punitive, and the prohibition of firearms without such features is an infringement on the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment.

HR348 Declaring gun violence a public health crisis.



Poke the Bear

By Tom Reynolds

Most people understand the meaning of the phrase, 'Don't Poke the bear.' Leave the bear alone because if you irritate it, there is a good chance you will be eaten.

Sound advice. But what if you believe in a principle and have the means of self-defense? Might you poke it, anyway?

Most people with any political exposure understand the phrase the 'Political Establishment' or the 'Political Elite' to be those who control the levers of power in the government, be it federal or state government. And it doesn't necessarily mean only those elected to office as it also includes the career bureaucrats and political aides and major donors who run or influence the government.

The 'Establishment' is the bear and if you poke the 'Political Establishment' it will try to eat you.

Along came Donald Trump and he had the audacity to not only poke the 'Establishment' but to rename it as the 'Swamp.'

The 'Swamp' is responding as a bear by trying to eat him and anyone who had the audacity to support Trump. When that bear is poked, it will bring the entire force of the government down on you, your family, your friends, your dog, your cat and, especially, anyone who supports you. Constitutional rights? What are they?

Sometimes, you can be minding your own business and you poke the bear without knowing it.

Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL's) are, for the most part, minding their own business - which is selling guns and ammo. Civilian ownership of guns is protected under our Constitution and FFL's are one part of the process of manufacturing and selling guns legally to civilians. They do so within the laws.

But the 'Swamp' doesn't like guns - at least not in civilian hands; guns are okay in theirs or their security forces' hands, though. The unspoken reason for this hatred of civilian gun ownership is the Swamp's worry that they may do something for which they will be shot! That lesson echoes throughout history and was even the impetus for our own Revolutionary War.

That pesky Constitution and especially the 2nd Amendment gets in the way of the gun grabbers' direct attack on gun ownership. The Swamp will still attack the 2nd Amendment but they aren't successful in direct attacks, so they go through the backdoor.

Enter the story of the bear eating the FFL's.

Would you start a business that is controlled and licensed by the Swamp when that same Swamp also has the ability to shut down your business on a whim and, most importantly, has openly indicated that its (the 'Swamp's) goal is to shut you down? Would you lend money to that business knowing it could shortly be out-of-business and

bankrupt?

The 'Swamp's enforcement arm, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is in charge of regulating FFL's. It can shut FFL's down in an instant. It falls under the jurisdiction of President Joe Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland, both of whom hate the 2nd Amendment. The NRA-ILA described the ATF's new director, Steve Dettelbach as: "... a dedicated gun controller with a background that proves he would be neither fair nor objective...it's unclear what gun control measures Dettelbach doesn't support."

The bear is hungry and FFL's are on the menu.

The Biden Administration is trying to shut down FFL's at an unprecedented rate. The ATF promises 'zero tolerance' of FFL's during inspections, which means if an FFL clerk makes a typo, the ATF can shut down that FFL.

More than shut you down, they will even bring a SWAT team to your house when they can find any basis to arrest the FFL.

Without FFL's, there will be limited ways civilians can legally buy guns or get ammo for the guns you already own. Goodbye 2nd Amendment rights while leaving them intact. For criminals, it's not a big deal as they don't usually use FFL's.

And for those of us in New York State, we now have the State Police (under gun-grabber-in-chief Kathy Hochul) involved in the inspection process of the FFL's.

Sounds like the typical gun grabber's effort; it will impact law-abiding gun owners but not criminals.

The 'Swamp' wants to remind you that they are the bear that will eat you.

How do we respond? By turning this around and making us the bear: we the American citizens; we-the-people.

The 'Swamp' continues to poke our citizen bear but - they hope - not hard enough to awaken the bear. Do gun grabbers worry that they will go too far and finally awaken the millions of gun owners in New York and the millions more throughout the U S A? They should.

Or do they view it as a race; can the gun grabbers effectively disarm citizens before most citizens know what is happening and it is too late to respond?

The citizen bear is being given lots of reasons to respond.

Will New Yorkers respond when they can't find an FFL store near them to buy guns and ammo?

Will New Yorkers respond when they are charged a background check fee when buying guns and ammo? What about having to undergo a background check to buy the ammo? And what if you are denied buying that ammo? Hunting season is approaching so there will be lots of opportunities for the Swamp to poke the bear.

Will New Yorkers respond when they have to pay hundreds of dollars to undergo approved training in order

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to own a handgun. And what if a certified trainer isn't locally available, since NRA trainers are being excluded?

The Supreme Court says you have the right to carry a concealed handgun but Kathy Hochul says 'not in my New York State'. Sooner or later there will be arrests for carrying in 'sensitive places' - which are almost everywhere in Kathy Hochul's New York State. Will New Yorkers respond?

Proposed laws at the federal or state level want: a 1,000% tax on guns, a yearly \$800 charge for liability insurance for owning a gun; only the purchase one rifle or shotgun every 90 days; only buying ammo for a gun registered in your name (even though gun registries are illegal under federal law). Will this finally motivate into action the gun owners who have been 'conscientious objectors' in the war on guns?

Some gun owners, and perhaps especially hunters, are not concerned about the many gun control efforts because they do not believe the proposed laws will apply to them. But the gun grabbers are getting more open about poking-the-bear.

And let's not forget non gun owners who haven't been concerned about gun laws, until the government doesn't protect them and they are mugged, raped or robbed. (I leave out murdered since, then, it's too late.)

At what point will the government succeed in poking the citizen bear into responding? The Left is doing everything it can to get a response but some people have, in the past, hibernated the winter away. It's our turn to motivate these people. The left has given us the ammunition, let's not waste this opportunity.

SITREP on 2A Activity

By John Elwood

SITUATIONAL REPORT (SITREP)

Top Issues:

1 Late last month, Fox News Digital reported that the Education Department shared federal guidance to hunting education groups highlighting that **hunting and archery programs in schools would be stripped of federal funding**. The guidance explained that the administration interpreted the 2022 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) to mean such programs can no longer receive taxpayer funds.

In the guidance, obtained first by Fox News Digital, senior agency official Sarah Martinez wrote that archery, hunter education and wilderness safety courses utilize weapons that are "*technically dangerous weapons*" and therefore "*may not be funded under*" the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which is the primary source of federal aid for elementary and secondary education across the country

(Fox News, August 9, Thomas Catenacci).

Then, Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) introduced a bill to block the Biden Administration from withholding federal funds from schools that teach firearm and archery safety. Barrasso introduced the Allowing for Recreational Resources for Outdoor Wellness Act (ARROW) to halt actions by an administration that continues its attack on our Constitutional rights and values.

Barrasso took the leading role fighting a Biden Administration scheme to misapply the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to justify withholding funds from schools that have hunting and archery programs. According to the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) each year over 1.3 million students in over 8,000 schools across the country participate in archery programs alone. The bill already has 22 Senate cosponsors, all Republicans.

(Breitbart News, Exclusive: Sen John Barrasso Introduces Bill Blocking Biden's Attack on School Firearm Safety Classes"7 September 2023 by Bradley Jaye).

2 California Democrats approved new taxes on gun and ammunition dealers and manufacturers. Assembly Bill 28 would impose an 11% tax on dealers and manufacturers for sale of guns and ammunition. This is the first time that democrats have successfully sent a firearms tax proposal to the governor.

Gun right groups, along with conservation, wetlands and wildlife advocacy organizations oppose the bill, stating, "*...its ineffective. It's not going to curb gun violence. It's not going to get illegal guns off the street*". If signed into law, the new tax goes into effect on July 1, 2024

(Los Angeles Times, "California Democrats approve new taxes on gun and ammunition dealers and manufacturers, 7 September, 2023, by Hannah Wiley).

The bill heads to Governor Gavin Newsom, who has until October 14th to decide whether to sign it into law.

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SCOPE Top Ten Proposed 2024 Firearms Legislation in NY State to SUPPORT or OPPOSE. (Not listed in priority of significance.) There are more but we had to stop somewhere.

A03314 – Requires **liability insurance** for owners of firearms, rifles, and shotguns.

History – Referred to Insurance committee on 02-02-2023; Sponsored by 4 Democrats.

OPPOSE - Increases the cost of firearms ownership for no constitutional reason. Most firearms' crimes are committed with illegal weapons so it will have no impact on crime.

S02978 – Relates to **prohibiting the possession of certain 50 caliber firearms**; directs the division of state police to

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(Breitbart, 7 September, 2023, AWR Hawkins, AP Adam Beam)

COMMENTARY: Watch for this in New York! SCOPE exists to stop things like this.

3 While gun sales continue to exceed a million on a monthly basis, the Biden administration is proposing a rule that would essentially classify any American who sells guns as a firearm dealer, thereby tightening gun control measures in the country.

At present, individuals can engage in selling firearms without having to be a registered firearms dealer. The new rules would classify gun sales under business activities and require that individuals get a license as well as undertake background checks. The Biden administration is also pushing a nationwide ban on "assault weapons" (ZeroHedge, 7 September, 2023, "2 Million Guns Sold in August, 49th Straight Month of Over 1 Million Sales" by Tyler Durden).

4 New Mexico's Governor suspended open and concealed gun carry for 30 days in the midst of a spate of gun violence. New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham expected legal challenges, but felt compelled to act in response to gun deaths, including the fatal shooting of an 11-year-old boy outside a minor league baseball stadium. Police were exempt from the temporary ban on carrying firearms

(Newsmax, Fox news 8 September, 2023)

COMMENTARY: SCOPE covered this in daily E mails and many others' responses are worth noting.

New Mexico Governor (Lujan Grisham) shocked with her comment that the Constitution is "Not Absolute". "How soon can this person be removed from office" asked Elon Musk.

(Fox news, 9 September 2023 Kristine Parks).

Professor Jonathan Turley stated about Grisham's gun ban that, "*in my view, is flagrantly unconstitutional under existing Second Amendment precedent...Democratic leaders have increasingly turned to a claim used successfully during the pandemic in declaring a health emergency to maximize unilateral authority of governors.*" Turley further said that, "*...using public health emergency measures that have become more frequent now after the COVID 19 pandemic lockdowns, mandates, and orders is dangerous.*"

(Newsmax, September 10, 2023 by Eric Mack).

On September 13th Gun Owners of America (GOA) secured a temporary restraining order against New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham's ban on concealed carry. Erich Pratt, GOA executive vice president stated, "*Her claim that there are exceptions to the Second Amendment is not only wrong, but it also blows open a huge hole in the Bill of Rights.*"

(Breitbart, Awr Hawkins)

5 A federal appeals court, on September 7th, gave two-gun owners another shot at blocking California's restriction on openly carrying firearms in public, citing a major U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year that expanded gun rights

(Newsmax, 8 September 2023)

6 New York State lawmakers have crafted proposed gun legislation after shooting at Proctor High School in Utica.

Senator Griffo and Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon proposed: releasing mug shots of 16 and 17 year olds; making it a felony to commit a violent crime with a deadly weapon within 3,000 feet of a school, not 1,000; holding adults accountable for giving kids guns; and modifying Raise the Age to clearly define under what circumstances juveniles can be held in family court versus criminal court.

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embark on a program whereby persons currently in lawful possession of such weapons may be reimbursed for the fair market value thereof upon turning in such weapons to a designated officer.

History– Referred to Senate Codes Committee; Sponsored by Democrat (Brian Kavanagh).

OPPOSE –Laws already exist prohibiting machine guns (Firearm Owners Protect Act – 1986). Section 1 of the proposed bill states, “declares that 50 caliber or larger weapons having the capacity for rapidly discharging ammunition have no acceptable purpose. Existing 50 caliber weapons are single shot, bolt action rifles. Additionally, 50-caliber weapon shooting matches (Long range competitions) are conducted around the country. Furthermore, currently NY State ranks 4th lowest with number of gun deaths in the United States. No gun deaths come from a 50-caliber weapon. This bill is an attempt to exert more control over the citizens of NY. Even if criminals were using 50-caliber weapons, they would not adhere to this bill.

A07885/S01701 – Requires persons possessing any firearm to hold a **firearms safety certificate**; establishes application and training process therefore; makes technical corrections.

History– Referred to Assembly Codes Committee on 07-19-2023; in Senate referred to Rules Committee on 06-10-2023; Sponsored by Brian Cunningham (Democrat).

OPPOSE –Lawful citizens should not need government permission to utilize a constitutional right. Requiring a safety certificate opens the door for government abuse by setting unreasonable standards and high cost which eliminates the poor from gun ownership

S07364/A07489 – Relates to the regulation of **three-dimensional printed firearms**; provides that a person who intentionally sells, distributes, or disposes of a three-dimensional printed firearm is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

History–Referred to Senate Codes Committee on 05-22-2023 and A07489 referred to Assembly Codes Committee on 05-25-2023; Sponsor is Democrat Brad Hoylman-Sigal.

OPPOSE –Infringes on the right of the people to keep and bear Arms. It penalizes law-abiding citizens.

S00930/A01566 – **Restricts the sale of ammunition to only individuals authorized to possess such weapon**; creates the no-gun database under the division of criminal justice services.

History – Referred to Senate Codes Committee on 01-09-2023, Referred to Assembly Codes Committee on 01-17-2023; Sponsors include 14 Democrats and 1 Republican (David McDonough, district 14).

OPPOSE – Firearms are useless without ammunition. Backdoor way of eliminating guns. No responsible study shows it would reduce crime.

A00754 – **Prohibits entry to gun shows** to anyone under 12 years of age.

History– Referred to Assembly Economic Development committee on 01-11-2023; Sponsors include 4 Democrats. OPPOSE - Leftists believe kids under 12 can change their gender without parent’s approval but cannot walk into a gun show with their parent. This is an attempt to dry up the next generation of gun owners.

A00442 – Establishes the offense of unlawful possession of firearms by **persons under 21**.

History – Referred to Assembly Codes Committee on 01-09-2023; Sponsored by two Democrats.

OPPOSE –Under 21 can vote, serve the military, and change gender but cannot own a firearm? This is an attempt to dry up the next generation of gun owners.

S07365 – Requires reasonable controls and procedures to be taken with respect to the sale, manufacturing, importing and marketing of **rapid-fire modification devices**.

History – Referred to Senate Codes Committee on 05-22-2023; Sponsor is Brad Hoylman-Sigal (Democrat)

OPPOSE – Reasonable controls are already in place with respect to the sale, manufacturing, importing and marketing of rapid-fire modification devices.

S04150 – Relates to limiting the acquisition of a rifle or shotgun to **one per 90-day period**.

History – Referred to the Consumer Protection Committee on 02-03-2023. The sponsor is James Sanders, Democrat.

OPPOSE –Infringes on right to keep and bear arms. A step towards restricting purchase of guns.

A05049/S02635 – Relates to **licensing** and other provisions relating to firearms.

History– Referred to the Assembly Codes Committee on 02-27-2023; Referred to the Senate Codes Committee on 01-23-2023; Sponsor: Brian Miller (Republican) – district 122 (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Counties).

OPPOSE – Licensing is a form of registration that leads to confiscation.

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SCOPE Needs YOU

By Don Smith, SCOPE Membership Chair

“Confiscation is an option” according to Governor Cuomo in December 2012, following Sandy Hook. He began his attack on our liberties with the so-called “SAFE” Act, in January 2013.

Then he and his allies in Albany continued their assault by passing an unconstitutional “Red Flag” law in 2019. Hochul followed suit with her so-called “Concealed Carry Improvement Act” (CCIA) and ‘strengthening’ of the “Red Flag” law, both in 2022. The Constitution along with due process be damned as both, with their Albany allies, were determined to show gun owners who was in control!

We have recently seen in New Mexico a play right out of Hochul’s playbook. Governor Lujan Grisham signed an executive order banning the carrying of a loaded firearm in public in Bernalillo County, including Albuquerque, for 30 days. People who violate the rule face a civil fine of \$5,000. Fortunately, U.S. District Judge David Urias temporarily blocked the law on Wednesday, September 13. The judge ruled that the executive order runs contrary to recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings on gun rights by violating citizen’s abilities to defend themselves.

Nearly 20 other states have passed similar unconstitutional “Red Flag” laws affecting your right to “Keep and Bear Arms”. None offer “front-end” due process. Hearings can be “ex parte”...meaning you do not have the opportunity to be present, let alone have an attorney. The laws violate the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments as you are considered guilty until proven innocent.

Recall the gentleman in Maryland who lost his life

needlessly at 5:17 AM on Monday, November 5th, 2018. He was a law-abiding gun owner but was shot and killed in his home by police as they tried to carry out a “Red Flag Gun Confiscation Order”, based on hearsay by whomever.

How would you react to a knock at your door so early in the morning? Why the urgency? Would the outcome have been different had the police arrived in broad daylight? Why send a cadre of officers?

This type of radical behavior by government officials is the reason so many have lost confidence in government agencies.

Oregon followed NY’s lead with a ballot measure that would ban “assault” weapons and create instant felons (as did the ‘Unsafe’ Act). Owners would have 20 days to relinquish their gun or face a 10-year jail sentence and fine of \$250,000. Firearms collected would be destroyed reminiscent of the failed gun ban of 1996 in Australia.

Never forget, President Biden picked “Beto” O’Rourke to run his gun-control efforts. Beto’s response: “Hell yes we’re going to take your AR-15”.

Recall what Biden said on May 20, 2022, about the most popular handgun caliber in the United States: “Why should we allow people to have military-style weapons including pistols with 9-mm bullets which can hold 10 or more rounds”.

We have the numbers needed in Upstate to turn any election in our favor. Recall there are an estimated 5-million-gun owners in NYS, but in 2022 we estimate only 1.3 million of us voted. (3.7 million did not vote.) Lee Zeldin lost by approximately 378,000 votes. Just imagine the outcome had we all voted for our constitutional rights. But it can only happen if you, and others like you, make a commitment.

Compromising Into A Loss

By Attilio A. Contini

There are two trends happening in America that should scare all those who believe in our values, traditions and the Constitution. One is long standing; compromises that benefit only one side. The other goes to the very heart of our Constitution; attacks on our Freedom of Speech.

The talking heads, especially on Fox News, tell us both the Left and Right are equally to blame for the political turmoil we see in this Country today. I submit that is not the case. It is a misstatement that compromises the reality of the situation and misleads the unsuspecting bystander.

It used to be said that “politics is the art on compromise”. That’s when the debate was between liberal versus conservative on both fiscal and social issues and a compromise was necessary to get any kind of solution. Not

Today! Compromise by conservatives has become the road to defeat and failure. What concessions have the Left made during the past ten years?

The so called “Left” has become so extreme that they exemplify policy, concepts, and new moral norms that have gone beyond reality, sensibility, common sense, and approach criminal treason.

Is there any honor at all in what they are doing? They govern and negotiate from the point of view that it’s ‘their way or the highway’. The “Right” is no longer permitted to disagree or put forth a realistic point of view. Name calling and belittling have become the response to opposing points of view. Refusal to enforce the law, defend our country, and protect Constitutional rights have become the Left’s governing process.

As to censorship and our freedom of speech, I read in “Freedom 1st” that a Russian immigrant said, “...
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Letter to Hochul

A SCOPE member sent in the following letter:

Dear Governor Hochul,

When the New York State Police began the pistol permit recertification process you had the option of recertifying by mail or electronically. Now everyone is limited to recertify electronically and you can no longer recertify by mail.

As a senior citizen I did not grow up with a computer or a smart phone. I am limited as to what I can do on a computer and have had problems with virus attacks, computer breakdowns and email problems where I have not been able to receive emails for several days. Those emails are lost when my computer is up and running again, I do not receive emails on a smart phone. I would prefer to recertify my pistol permit by mail because of the stated computer problems I have had in the past.

A recent Pew research survey shows that 64% of seniors over 65 have no internet connection, and they do not want to go to a friend or a library to use a computer. Many do not even know how to operate a computer.

The state sends me a notice of renewal for my motor vehicle registration, for my trailer registration, for my boat registration, They can and should do the same for my pistol permit recertification. I hope your office makes renewal by mail a reality when it comes to pistol permit recertification.

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once a country accepts censorship of the press and of speech, then nothing can be won without violence". We have not accepted that concept, yet. But we currently have a major political party which controls Washington and believes in and is practicing censorship and the criminalization of opposing points of view as well as the right to associate.

The suppression of news about Hunter Biden's laptop-from-hell during the 2020 election is an outstanding example of government using its indirect power to protect against opposing views.

Where will this lead us?

The Courts tell them what the left is doing is unconstitutional and they defy the Court.

Kathy Hochul's response to the NYSRPA v Bruen decision by the Supreme Court is just one of many examples of "blue" states defying the rule of law.

They are already using the power of the government to intimidate us into submission. What options does that leave us?

We have early voting in this state either in person or by mail in ballot. I also understand that your office is currently looking to expand mail in ballots for elections. Mail in pistol permit recertification is something your office can make available, please do so.

A follow up letter was sent by Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan.

Dear (NYS Police) Superintendent Nigrelli,

As the Assemblyman for the 131st District, I have the privilege to represent forty-one towns across seven counties within our great state. Many of my constituents are the responsible owners of legally held firearms. Throughout my career as an elected official, first in the Town of Manchester, and now as a member of the New York State Assembly, safeguarding New Yorkers' second amendment rights has been one of my top priorities.

I am concerned that a new filing requirement for conceal carry permit re-certifications could have a detrimental impact on certain eligible permit holders. Under a recent change to New York State law, people with concealed carry permits are now required to re-certify their permit with the New York State Police every three years, and that recertification must be done online. My concern is that some of my constituents do not have access to reliable internet or access to a computer. I have had constituents who are long-term permit holders contact my office because they want to be in compliance but are experiencing difficulties renewing their permits because of this new requirement.

The issue of whether or not the recertification form is required to be online is not addressed within the text of the legislation mandating the overall rule changes. Therefore, my assumption is that the State Police have transitioned to an online-only recertification process for strictly administrative purposes. I would like to kindly request that the New York State Police expeditiously review this policy and make changes that allow eligible permit holders to re-certify in writing under the appropriate circumstances.



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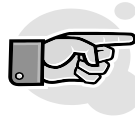
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