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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.

## What are we fighting for?

### “they (you) are the extreme conservatives, they have no place in the state of New York” Andrew Cuomo

By Ralph Esposito

We fight for our right to keep and Bear Arms, but this is also a fight for our Constitution, our freedom, our moral beliefs and our way of life. Our Governor, or should I say the Governor has said that he does not represent the views of so called “extreme conservatives,” one of the extreme views being those who are “pro-assault weapon”. “Because if that’s who they are and they’re the extreme conservatives, they have no place in the state of New York, because that’s not who New Yorkers are.” In the Governors world if you don’t agree with his views then you should get out of New York State.

Governor Cuomo has made gun owners feel his disdain. For the past few years there has been a slow shredding of our rights and privacy. The NY SAFE Act has accelerated this. Information on our purchases of ammunition and “assault weapon” gun registration is the latest. But things are far more invasive then you may realize.

We have been told that information of where your car goes is being kept for at least a year via the license plate readers on law enforcement vehicles. They can read the plate as you pass a vehicle equipped with the scanners. (Side note - There are plans to include pistol permit and other firearm registration information in the information a law enforcement officer gets when he requests information for routine traffic stops. That might make for more interesting traffic stops.)

In Rochester, if you walk down many streets cameras record where you go. Your car that is parked on the street will be scanned by traffic enforcement cars to check license plates and issue tickets for parking and expired registration as well as record location and time information. As you drive through an intersection the red light cameras are recording each vehicle so they can issue a ticket should you not stop properly for the light.

Your phone beeps and it’s a text message, today you must wonder if the NSA has read it before you do. Talking on your phone, the NSA is also recording that as

well. It would seem George Orwell was off by just a few years when he wrote 1984.

Our government tells us it is necessary to be safe and catch terrorists and criminals. But while we jump through these hoops to be “safe” those who head our government are held to a different standard.

For instance, Rochester's new mayor Lovely Warren was stopped twice for speeding on the thruway. Her driver, who is also head of her security detail and by some coincidence is also her uncle (what’s that term I’m looking for, nepotism perhaps?). He was stopped on two separate occasions on the NYS Thruway at 92 and 97 miles per hour. For him no tickets are issued. Though once the story broke he did get a slap on the hand for the sake of publicity.

I wonder what would happen to one of us if we were caught going 97 on the thruway. I suspect you would not have a license for long and a ticket would be issued.

Washington is no better. We have been routinely lied to by the President, Secretary of state and others about everything from government gun running, Benghazi, Affordable Care Act and the IRS. This, despite testimony and documents that have been released. Many in our esteemed “Fourth Estate” turn a blind eye to any interest in the truth or regurgitate the drivel put out by the administrations talking points and talking heads.

Those who champion this new age of data collection say it’s to keep us safer. When we complain they ask what do you have to hide?

An interesting question, let us explore this. Why not allow the government to inspect what you read. No? What have you got to hide? How about random searches of your person and home. Doesn't sound so good? What have you got to hide? Perhaps sending the government an itinerary when you want to travel. That’s just crazy talk! What have you got to hide?

In New York we have a Governor who wants those who believe in the Second Amendment to leave his state. Meanwhile our state and federal governments are acting more like “Big Brother” than caretakers of the land of the free and home of the brave.

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# Sporting Clays Classic

Greetings SCOPE Members,

I am pleased to announce the 17th Annual Greater Niagara Frontier Council (GNFC), Boy Scouts of America "Sporting Clays Classic" which will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Tonawandas Sportsman's Club. The event will once again support the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America's efforts to deliver the Scouting program to over 10,000 youth in Western New York. I hope that you will be able to join us to help celebrate Scouting and to make an investment in the youth of our community through your support. The Erie County Sheriff's Office along with the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, BSA encourages participation and education in shooting sports programs. These programs give many youth their first exposure to firearms safety and responsibility.

If you would like more information about this event, please contact my GNFC Staff Advisor, Stuart Schnettler at; Stuart.Schnettler@scouting.org or 716-512-6215.

Thank you for all you do in Shooting Education.

Tim Howard  
 Honorary Event Chairman  
 Erie County Sheriff



*"Confiscation could be an option..."*

*"...responsible people, law abiding people have to give up some of their liberty to make sure for the public safety of all..."*

*"...extremists spread fear and unrealistic theories of conspiracies that the citizenry needs to be armed because the government is possibly tyrannical..."*

*"...that is what laws are for. There are criminals who will not obey the law. You have to give up some sense for the greater good..."*

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## LAWS WON'T STOP SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

By Budd Schroeder

We saw another school shooting last week and it was like all but one of the shootings we hear about. It was done in a gun free zone. Many politicians and people believe that putting up a sign will make an area safer when in actuality it is a murder magnet. Those who wish to wreak the most havoc without being stopped will naturally look for a place where he is least likely to run up against an armed person. We have never heard of a mass murder occurring in the facility of a gun club.

This will probably start another upsurge from the anti-gun politicians to use the emotional upheaval of a school shooting to call for more gun control. This recent shooting was done by a disturbed student who purchased a shotgun after passing a background check. While he wounded two other students, he turned the gun on himself and was the only fatality during the rampage. The shotgun he used was the type used by many hunters to harvest deer and small game. It didn't have an extended magazine, barrel shroud or even a bayonet lug. It wasn't an "assault weapon."

For years, this columnist has decried the use of emotionalism by politicians and the anti-gun advocates instead of depending on reason, truth and logic to make their case. It is obvious that their demands don't stand the test of reason, truth and logic. It is like any other case of bigotry. Demonize the object and let the results be similar to the witch hunts and trials in old Salem.

The Constitution, in the Bill of Rights, plainly says that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Like all rights, it implies responsibility and reasonableness. The right does not allow a

person to harm or threaten another person. The right does not allow the possession of guns to felons, mentally disturbed or incompetent persons. No reasonable gun owner will dispute that because it is logical. To the honest, law-abiding gun owner a gun is only a tool or a work of art to some.

The only thing that makes a gun a weapon is the person holding it. If a carpenter uses a hammer to build a house, he is using it as a tool. If he smashes someone's skull with it, it is a weapon. People with bad attitudes or mental problems can harm others with or without a gun, but the media and the anti-gun crowd like to focus on the gun rather than the person. It is easier to make laws regarding the ownership and use of guns and convince the public that this will help to reduce violence.

Using this premise, there are more than 20,000 gun laws in the nation counting federal, state and local laws and ordinances. New York is a leader in restrictive gun laws. Recently, they rammed a law through the legislature literally in the middle of the night in response to the emotionalism of the tragedy in Sandy Hook. Ironically, if Connecticut had those laws of the SAFE act of New York in effect, it would not have made any impact on the tragedy.

The gun the shooter used was purchased legally and the purchaser was murdered by the killer to obtain the weapon. All guns start out being bought legally. If a person wants to get a gun and is turned down by a dealer because he can't pass the background check, he obtains one illegally.

If bans worked, there would not be an illegal drug problem. Where can a person buy cocaine, heroin, crystal meth legally? The answer is nowhere. However, now, prescription drugs are becoming a big problem because of theft and in some states marijuana is now legal. It will be interesting to see how the marijuana sales will affect the people in those states.

How well did Prohibition end drunkenness? That actually was a constitutional issue and created so many problems with organized crime that the amendment had to be repealed. How many incidents does it take to make lawmakers realize that the big problem is that criminals don't obey laws. The SAFE law affects only honest gun owners who are not a problem.

Who knows? Perhaps some politician will offer a solution by proposing a law to outlaw mental illness. It would be as effective as the SAFE law because it also would have no effect on violent crime.

The dichotomy is that guns are dangerous in the hands of evil people and those with mental problems. Governor Cuomo has been reducing the budget in the areas that would give help to those who suffer from mental disorders, but is increasing the budget to enforce the SAFE law. Some things in the political arena are a bit difficult to understand. In New York some laws are impossible to understand. This is one of them, unless one takes the attitude that if something sounds good and enough voters believe it's workable, then that is good enough for the politician to get reelected. And that is reason enough for the professional politician.

### NEW TIMES!

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*Each week hear guests like Larry Pratt, Gun Owners of America and Stephen Aldstadt, President of SCOPE on the show.  
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## How much are you willing to sacrifice to restore your right(s)?

By Paul Rusin

Bob Lonsberry is a commentator for WHAM 1180, a Rochester, NY radio station. Lately he has stated he would register his guns that need to be registered with NYS under the auspices of the S.A.F.E. Law. Others, in NY Revolutions groups, and elsewhere in NYS, have said they will not register. Lonsberry made known on his radio show he would register, and after listening to his explanation as to why, I cannot disagree with his decision, because I hold one very close to his without the belief I must register anything with the government.

However, what reasons would there be to register what you have that the government considers implements of war. If we still had a valid militia, meaning a group of citizen soldiers, rather than today's paid mercenary force, then perhaps the government would need to know who they might call to active duty should an attacking force set foot on our (U.S.) soil.

The S.A.F.E. Law does not meet this requirement, because they are not asking for a registration to know who has what for a call up in case of military need. What they are doing is solely a scheme to determine who has what, and to harass those who have specific types of weapons, and, as most would have us believe, to confiscate in the future.

Now, I cannot argue with those who go along with this scenario, or who hold this belief, because the original intent of Cuomo's proposal for S.A.F.E. was to confiscate any weapons which met the criteria of the law. As such, I would not register any such weapon, even if I had it in my possession, and would prepare to do battle with anyone seeking to force me to comply. Note the word used here: "force." Force is compulsion, and wholly anathema to our countries founders ideals. It is why we had a clause in the Constitution forbidding income taxation, because the founders knew such a tax would be compulsory. The only original taxation was voluntary, i.e., sales taxes, tariffs.

The original Constitution had a construct for forced servitude under specific conditions, these im-

plying ownership, thus property. Who would argue today that the interest paid on a loan is not servitude to another? So, the system has changed little, simply those who are being indebted/indentured has changed from 'mostly' black Americans to all Americans. I say mostly, because not all slaves were black. Many indentured servants remained slaves until they served their time.

Further, who could not argue that forcing someone to do something against their nature, or their God, would not be compulsion? Our rights are God granted, natural rights, inalienable, unable to be removed from us without our permission, and we should never submit, nor ask permission. In fact, permits for carrying weapons are anathema to our Constitution as I have mentioned in prior articles. I based my premise on the *Shuttlesworth v. Birmingham* decision which states such permissions are **"unconstitutional censorships, or prior restraints."** *Shuttlesworth* quotes Staub in the next sentence, and makes plain that, **"anyone faced with such an unconstitutional licensing law may ignore it, and engage with impunity in the (right) for which the law purports to require a license."** Note the italics of "require." Require is a word definition of 'force.' If you are required, then you are forced, and a slave to that institution, or person, which/who is requiring your compulsion.

Some would say there is nothing wrong with a permit system, or even a background check (NICS). It makes "common sense", because such a system guarantees that criminals, scofflaws, and people of questionable sanity may not be allowed the ability to carry, or own, weapons. Well, how is that working out for all of you? 1700 people have been arrested for "illegal weapons possession" within the last year in NY City alone. Does that not tell you that these are only those who got caught? Does it not tell you that a vast number of others are also on the streets carrying what the state deems 'illegal' weapons? How can the state make a determination what is legal, or not, when U.S. v. Miller states unequivocally that any arm used as an implement of warfare is something the American citizenry may own. Shotguns, full auto rifles grenades, LAWS, Stinger anti-aircraft (shoulder

launch) missiles, are all things carried by, and used in, warfare by American soldiers of the past and that will likely be in the future. I know I am just scratching the surface of the weaponry deployed by our forces.

The fact is, there is nothing about 'L'il Duce' Cuomo's NYS S.A.F.E. Law which prohibits felons, or others from carrying anything. All it does is apply to the law abiding the inability to own, or carry, the weaponry of their choice, arbitrarily decided by a group (probably Brady Campaign..., and NYAGV, an arm of them) of folks in a room who knew, or know, nothing of firearms.

Further, we know that by definition, there is no such thing as an ASSault Weapon. It is an asinine assertion, and a made up term to make certain types of semi-automatic rifles seem extremely dangerous by "spraying" bullets, etc., etc., ad infinitum (add any other cockamamie, ignorant, thing any leftist has said about firearms, when they knew nothing of which they spoke/speak).

In closing, the law was arbitrarily written by numbskulls who know nothing of what they talk about, rushed through to prevent the future sale of more of these types the government wishes to ban, or to get you to register, knowing full well that such would be the case, and that if they didn't do this surreptitiously, quickly, and in the dark of night, that people in the know would oppose the law, or portions of it, and get them changed so they better represented the law abiding American, and NY, citizen.

(Editors Note the Safe Act was carefully written, the Cuomo administration took weeks to craft this legislation under tight security to catch us off guard. It is 39 single spaced typed pages designed to change many more pages of existing law. Off the record legislators have admitted they were lied to about what was in the bill and the vote was pushed through to give no one a chance to really check it out.)

Without our input, these men decided what you would, could, and should be able to own, carry, and do, with your private property. Further, they 'require' (force) you to register something that is your personal property, or to forfeit ownership of it, or to modify it so it no longer fits the

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definitions within the law. It is pure unadulterated BS. Cuomo and his ilk, knew this, else they wouldn't have had to pass it under a 'message of necessity,' because none of it was necessary, and none of it is constitutional. I would hope that all reading this would take time to write a check, or make a contribution online to the SCOPE Legal Fund, or SCOPE PAC. We are all volunteers working for this organization, and the gun owner public. Showing your support through membership(s), and growing the membership by asking others to join, or buying them memberships out of your own pocket, makes our job not only easier, but makes our organization more capable of getting this law overturned in the courts. If we do not do so soon, then all will be lost, and NY'ers may as well write themselves off as the first losers of their right to keep & bear arms. It, also, gives us a sense that what we (Board of Directors, President, County Chairpeople, and their subordinates, are doing is worthwhile. And, find out where your county chapter meetings are held, and attend them.

As for the original intent of this article. I am calling for a boycott of NYS taxable goods, unless absolutely necessary for your personal survival. If you are unwilling to stop buying things which are not necessities, or to cut back on buying that new car, new boat, new trailer, new ATV, or other pleasure craft, not willing to stop going to bars, restaurants, hotels/motels/B&B's, etc., then how capable will you be to withstand the full assault(s) that is/are coming in the future, and the possibility that you will have to be even more strident in your deprivation in the future in regards to the recapture of your rights? Stop giving the state the money with which to arrest, and prosecute, you and others of your gun owner brethren, and to purchase the noose with which to hang you.

## GOVERNOR CUOMO WANTS ME TO LEAVE NEW YORK

By Budd Schroeder

Andrew Cuomo made a statement about the gun owners in New York which was insulting to the honest, law-abiding firearms owning men and women who pay taxes, vote,

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and try to raise their families in the proper way. The governor made this statement when referring to the upcoming elections and slammed the Republican candidates who believe in the Constitution and especially the Second Amendment. Cuomo was quoted as saying:

"You've seen that play out in New York, their SAFE act, the Republican Party candidates are running against the SAFE Act. It was voted for by moderate republicans who run the Senate. Their problem is not me and democrats, their problem is themselves. Who are they? Are they these extreme conservatives, who are right to life, pro assault weapon, anti-gay, is that who they are? Because if that is who they are, and if they are the extreme conservatives, they have no place in the state of New York. Because that is not who New Yorkers are"

In his own words Cuomo thinks that people who believe "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" as stated in the Constitution are extremists.

He also thinks that it is fine to terminate the lives of pre-born ba-

bies. He believes that people, who are pro-life, are extremists. He thinks it is fine to end the life of an innocent child, even if it is viable outside the womb, but is against the death penalty for violent, sadistic murderers.

Many people believe in traditional marriage, one between a man and a woman. These people are not anti-gay. They just believe in the biblical definition. Most believe what consenting adults do in private is none of their business, but would like to keep the idea of marriage consistent with Biblical teachings. Many believe that a civil union could give same sex couples equal protections like married couples, and not violate what they consider to be a sacred contract. They, according to Cuomo, are extremists.

People who have these beliefs, at least upstate, are not extremists. They are main stream Americans. The liberals, who mostly come from New York City, have a different set of values. They are content with more government control over their lives and are content to live in a nanny state.

Upstate citizens want to re-

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# SCOPE's SAFE Act VOTER App

By Jim Nowotny

With elections barely over S.C.O.P.E., (Shooters Committee on Political Education) is declaring a victory for gun owners in Western New York.

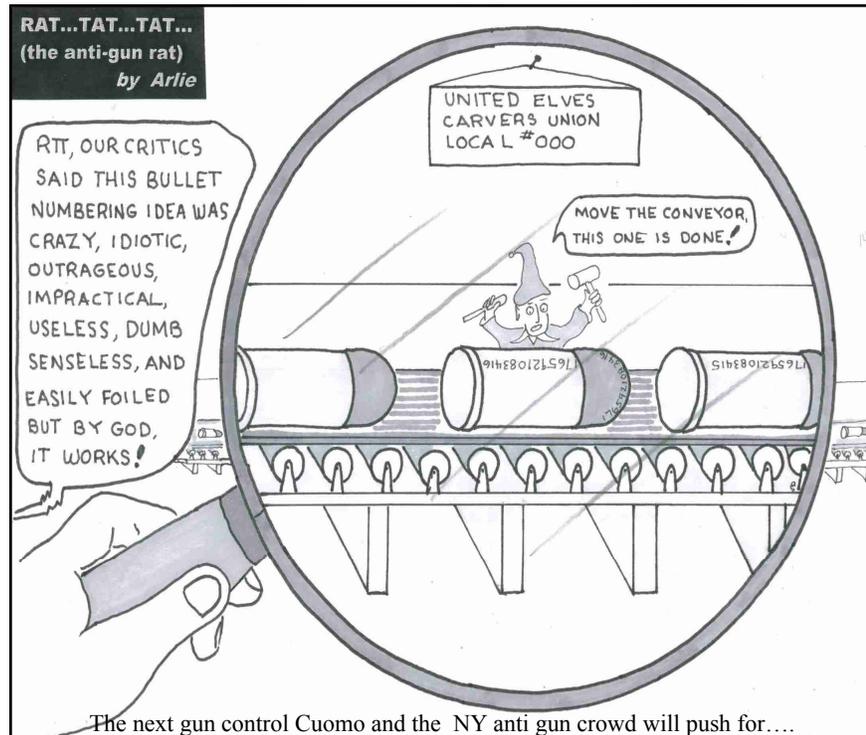
S.C.O.P.E. says, that despite all of Cuomo's bloviating, New York is still the most over taxed, most over regulated, least business-friendly, and anti Second Amendment Democrat dominated state in the nation with the highest debt per capita. Now many are starting to realize that New York doesn't look like a state whose governor deserves a second term, much less a Presidential nomination.

This year we instituted the SCOPE's SAFE Act VOTER App.

The Democrat party will have to deal with the facts that because of Governor Cuomo's late night antics of January 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Erie County Legislature is now Republican controlled. S.C.O.P.E. reminds its members that while not all Democrats are gun control advocates, almost all gun control advocate are Democrats.

S.C.O.P.E. notified its members of the candidates running for office and graded them A through F on their Second Amendment stance and their position on the so called NY S.A.F.E. Act. This rating is available to voters online, on an app, or printable by county.

SCOPE now turns its focus to the 2014 Elections of the State Assembly and Senate positions. We will refine and hone the SCOPE SAFE Act Voter App for the upcoming elections on "One One Four One Four". 11/4/2014.



The next gun control Cuomo and the NY anti gun crowd will push for....

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## No sooner had the SCOPE sign movement taken hold, then homeowners began complaining of sign thefts. One State Trooper, residing in Newark, had his sign disappear from his front yard on a Saturday in September.

By Stephen Aldstadt

On Thursday (11/21), a vehicle pulled up in front of a house just after 10:30 a.m. on East Townline Road in Williamson. The driver, a woman, got out of the vehicle and snatched up the “Repeal S.A.F.E. Act” lawn sign.

The homeowner, Vicki Erwin, spotted the sign thief and the car drove off, stopping at a neighbor’s yard where another “Repeal S.A.F.E. Act” sign was posted. The driver quickly got back in to her vehicle and sped off.

At this point Vicki called for her father out in the barn and told him what was happening. Chuck Steehler chased the woman down to Pearl Street in Williamson and confronted the sign thief. He asked for the sign back, but the woman told him that,

since they were calling the cops, to have them come get the sign.

Police did not have to go far...it was the homeowner’s own pediatrician who works for Williamson Pediatrics at 4425 Old Ridge Road in Williamson. Wayne County Sheriff’s deputies went to the Doctor’s office and searched, finding five of the signs in the dumpster.

Police arrested Dr. Annamaria Kontor, age 46, of Valewood Run in the Town of Penfield for Petit Larceny, “after she was observed stealing a “Repeal S.A.F.E. Act” sign from a yard in Williamson.”

Calls to the Williamson Pediatrics group were met with “No comment” by the girl answering the phones. The girl also said Dr. Kontor had the day off on Friday.

The Rochester General Health System, which is associated with Williamson Pediatrics, issued a statement on Friday afternoon. “Rochester General Health System has learned of the arrest of Annamaria Kontor, MD, a pediatrician who practices at Williamson Pediatrics, part of the Rochester General Medical Group in Wayne County. Dr. Kontor has been with the medical group since 2003. As is the case with any personnel matter, RGHS is unable to make any comment.”



### Don't mess with SCOPE members from Wayne County!



# Sign Thief Has Her Day In Court January 15<sup>th</sup>,

By Stephen Aldstadt

At the Williamson courthouse today, more than 50 SCOPE members appeared for the REPEAL sign stealing doctor's hearing. The court room was full of SCOPE members inside and members formed lines outside holding REPEAL signs. We were everywhere around and inside the courthouse.

The lawyer had her client plead not guilty, and asked the judge for change in venue for the next court case. The defendant was ordered by the judge to get fingerprinting again, as previous prints did not come out well. This is the scene outside and inside the court room. Wayne County is blessed full of patriots...the best SCOPE chapter in NY. Thanks all for coming today. The next court hearing is January 29th.

The defendant had to walk through the line, as seen in the enclosed pictures. All SCOPE members were polite and courteous, even saying hello to the defendant. She had the deer-in-the-headlights look.



## 2014 Must Be A Year of Action

A Legislative Column by Assemblyman David DiPietro (R,C – East Aurora)

Last year, as I took my seat in the Assembly for the first time, I was ready to do the people's work. But I didn't realize my first night would be spent sitting in the dark, waiting for a bill that hadn't been printed and would drastically limit our Constitutional freedoms. I stood and fought against the SAFE Act, and though the law passed, we are fight-

ing it in the courts and have not allowed our position to weaken.

Many expected the passage of the law to be a blow to Second Amendment defenders across New York State. They thought we were falling back, but we drew a line in the sand and did not yield another inch. We stood together, forcing our opponents to abandon any further legislation that would disregard the rights our fathers and grandfathers fought to protect. We have attended every rally and fought beside organizations like SCOPE to prepare lawsuits to challenge the law. We have weakened their cause by showing the strength of

the people who believe in upholding the Constitution. We must now reinforce our line in the sand, and force the opposition back this year as Albany progressives seek to limit our rights further.

Renewed with a sense of vigor following the winter, the progressives are now seeking to put forward microstamping and "safe storage" laws. As we know, microstamping is a highly controversial engraving on firearms that has never seen long-standing studies as to its effectiveness. Microstamping would just be another burden on the legal gun owner, while those with illegal firearms will have nothing to worry about; microstamping only leads back to the original, legal gun owner – not the felon.

When it comes to so-called "safe storage" laws, it's been shown here in New York that the progressives pushing for "gun control" lack basic knowledge regarding the operation of guns and how people outside New York City handle their firearms. It comes as no shock to any of us if the government put outlandish requirements on what it deems "safe storage." We cannot risk ceding this power to the government as rights lost to government are very rarely ever returned to the people.

This year must be a year of action. We must bring the fight to the progressives who seek to radically change the Second Amendment. We must renew the fight for liberty and the restoration of our Second Amendment rights in New York State. Say no to microstamping. Say no to "safe storage." Despite what Gov. Cuomo and the left think, supporting the Constitution isn't an extreme viewpoint. We won't leave New York, and we certainly won't see them strip another right away from us.

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## The SAFE Act

By Keith Kappel

The following is an essay I wrote on the SAFE Act. It has been submitted to the Finger Lakes Times, Canandaigua Messenger, Penn Yan Chronicle Express and Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

There are two things to do when you've made a political calculation that backfires. The techniques apply regardless of whether it's a law you've touted that caused unintended consequences or when an appointee or elected official you supported turns out to be an embarrassment.

In the case of unintended consequences simply unleash a barrage of statistics to support that you have done the right thing and they don't have to be accurate or relevant. If it's an individual who is a problem then circle the wagons, heap praise on the persons accomplishments and see that they are given prestigious awards and praise.

A year after the passage of New York's infamous Safe Act, a spokeswoman for the governor declares that the numbers are indisputable - the Safe Act has enabled the state to better protect New Yorkers. "There have been 1291 charges under the new law with 1155 for felony firearms possession, formerly a misdemeanor, with 1041 of these cases (81%) in NYC, mostly Brooklyn and the Bronx. Separately, 17,751 people have been charged this year with misdemeanor weapons possession, almost 90% in NYC. These charges include other weapons such as switchblades, blackjacks and brass knuckles." No cause and effect correlation is provided to demonstrate which components of the SAFE Act were responsible for these enforcement actions.

Said proclamation of the SAFE Act as a success is unsupported transparent nonsense and a shallow attempt to provide cover to the Gov-

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Details of the felony weapons charges noted above have not been disclosed. Interestingly, the ban on so called assault weapons doesn't take effect until January 15 so I suspect the 1291 arrests were primarily for possession of unregistered firearms which would have occurred without the SAFE Act. Also not reported was the disposition of these cases in terms of follow up prosecution. Law enforcement I've spoken with often state their frustration with weapons charges being used as plea bargaining chips. In addition, the announcement fails to provide a break-

down between firearms, switchblades, blackjacks and brass knuckles. The 17,751 number sounds like a red herring thrown in to obfuscate and pump up the laws effectiveness.

As Nancy Pelosi said "...we have to pass the law to find out what's in it!" Pass it the Governor did in the dark of night with no opportunity for debate or input. The response from the public was and continues to be loud and strong - Repeal It! Note that tens of thousands of Repeal the Safe Act signs permeate front yards across

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the state. In addition, 52 of 62 New York counties and 225 municipal governments have passed resolutions in opposition and Sheriffs across the state have said they will not enforce. Billboards have been placed in Albany as a constant reminder to our legislators of what upstate thinks about this legislation. Seems like a lot of folks found out what's in the bill.

Let's take a look at independently published crime statistics and assess where this law is directed and whom it truly affects:

\* Homicides in NY State in 2011 totaled 767. Of these only 5 were committed with a rifle of any kind and 76% occurred in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and NYC.

\* Nationally, of 12,996 homicides in 2010, only 2% were committed with a rifle of any kind.

\* The 1994-2004 Assault Weapon ban was a failure which did not contribute to a reduction in crime. Violent crime in the US has continually declined from 1990 to the present - it is down 49% while the population of firearms has increased by 100%.

\* The vast majority of violent crime occurs in cities with populations of 250,000 or more and are primarily drug and gang related.

There is a cultural component to violent crime that the politicians want to deflect attention from because it speaks to the failure of many government policies and programs. Statistics from the US Department of Justice, FBI Uniform Crime Report and the National Youth Gang Survey Analysis show some frightening facts:

\* In 2008, black youths who make up 16% of the youth population accounted for 52% of juvenile crime arrests including 58.5% of arrests for youth homicide.

\* A 2009 study disclosed that 49% of gang members are Hispanic/Latino, 35% are African American with 9%

white and 7% other.

\* Between 1980 and 2008, blacks accounted for 52.5% of homicides and whites 45.3% - this in the context of blacks representing less than 14% of the US population.

Clearly, the crime problem is primarily an inner city demographic occurring in larger metropolitan areas and are drug and gang related. Instead of dealing with this the politicians demonize an inanimate object with an emotion charged label of assault weapon. The SAFE Act fails to deal with the real issues and instead criminalizes people for what they lawfully owned prior to its enactment. It further penalizes and encumbers the law abiding for the simple acts of buying ammunition or giving a firearm to a family member.

Key components of the SAFE Act include a ban on so called assault weapons, a ban on magazines that exceed ten round capacity, a requirement that firearms be loaded with no more than seven rounds, background checks for ammunition purchases, severe restrictions for firearms transfers unless a background check is performed, confiscation of private property (without compensation) from the owners upon their passing and registration with the state of ALL firearms owned by a person upon their passing.

There is no justification in any statistics or independent study to indicate any of these elements are, can be or have been effective in addressing crime or criminals. On the contrary, there is substantial evidence that these make criminals out of the law abiding. Case in point is the singular arrest for the illegal sale of a so called assault weapon when the seller was co opted into consummating the sale the day after rather than the day before the law took effect.

The so called assault weapon ban is absurd on two counts. First and foremost no one can define an assault weapon beyond certain cosmetic features. Second, such firearms are used

in an insignificant number of crimes unless you count the ones given by the US Department of Justice to the Mexican Drug cartels. According to the SAFE Act, a firearm is prohibited if it is a semi automatic with a detachable magazine and any one of the following; bayonet lug, a flash suppressor, muzzle brake, barrel shroud, grenade launcher, protruding pistol grip, protruding forearm grip, thumb-hole stock or adjustable stock. Characteristics which have nothing to do with the function of the firearm. I had to dispose of the thumbhole stock that came with my M597 Remington target grade 22 and replace it with a standard stock to "de Cuomo it" and avoid registration and eventual confiscation.

The Safe Act trashes the Second Amendment rights of the law abiding and ignores the fact that the law will not be obeyed by criminals. Unfortunately, it is not about crime and criminals but it is about control.



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# April 1<sup>st</sup> Save the Date!



On January 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 the NY SAFE Act was passed. A law that turned thousands of ordinary law-abiding gun owners in New York into criminals. A law that will do little if anything to make our communities safer, but severely infringe on the Second Amendment rights of New York's citizens. Immediately people rose up in anger and indignation. Demonstrations were held in the streets from Long Island to Buffalo, from Elmira to Plattsburg. On February 28<sup>th</sup> people came from all over the state to demonstrate in Albany. It was the biggest demonstration most of the New York legislators had ever seen. Well over twelve thousand people came by bus, by car, by train, and by

plane to tell the governor and the legislators how we felt about having our rights trampled on. Cuomo tried to say the law was popular, that it was just a vocal fringe minority complaining.

The NY Sheriffs' Association, 52 County legislatures, over 340 town and local governments, numerous police unions and organizations came out opposed to the NY SAFE Act. Governor Cuomo, Senate Leader Dean Skelos, and Assembly Leader Sheldon Silver continue to ignore the outrage of the people. In the election year State of the State address Governor Cuomo pointedly did not say one word about the controversy surrounding the

law. They are hoping we will just all go away. Well Mr. Cuomo we are not going away. In fact we are coming back!

Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> gun owners, sportsmen, and people concerned about their civil rights will be going back to Albany to tell them we are not going to quit, we are not going to be quiet, we are not going to meekly submit to having our rights stripped away from us. Save the date. Schedule a vacation day. Plan on joining us in Albany. We will be joined by many other civil rights organizations and SCOPE will once again be coordinating buses from all corners of the state. Stay vigilant, stay safe, and stay tuned!

## Western New York Q & A Gun Debate Forum on February 21

Citizens Task Force is providing a Western New York Q & A Gun Debate Forum event on Friday, February 21, 2014 at the Pvt. Leonard Jr. VFW Post, in Cheektowaga, New York. Details on the event can be found at [www.CitizensTaskForce.us](http://www.CitizensTaskForce.us), and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CitizensTaskForce?ref=hl>.

This event offers the audience who are for and against the Safe Act the opportunity to ask questions of the elected officials who voted on this bill. It is the audience questions that will drive the topic matter, evolve the debate, and rationalize the creation of the Safe Act.

Citizens Task Force is a vehicle extending the opportunity for attendees voice's to be heard on opposing viewpoints of an issue. Our events are an effort to bring people together in a professional atmosphere for dialogue, pro and con. Perhaps attendees will take away a new viewpoint from the experience.

Carrie M Christman and Tony Matuszak, Western New York activists, organized Citizens Task Force due to concerns with the dis-

tance of the people's voice, government behavior, and a free humanity. It is fair to say that no person is 100% neutral, and therefore, it is proper to maintain equilibrium of event presentation as hosts.

The concentration of gun activity that the general public is exposed to, centers on the common man versus the common man. The argument needs to return back to the basics which the people have been educated away from and affects all. This is, the commoners, as a whole, are at the mercy of the power of government. And when a government is heavily armed and its people are not able to defend itself, such power is a threat to the natural state of humans to be free. The governing aspects of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights are designed for one purpose. Its contents must be followed to assure a free humanity. This is true across the globe as these documents were/are respected historically by other nations. No matter what concerns and divisive topics are in a person's heart, as strong as they are, for or against, the ability to defend those positions will be lost if the people do not keep government power in check. The majority of Americans do not want to face these facts.

We have invited those who voted for or against the New York

State Safe Act to join us as a panel-our elected officials. We have invited groups to vend and participate at our event. Western New York Q & A Gun Debate Forum will provide opportunity for the public and members of different groups to ask questions of the panel.

The format for the debate will be to introduce the panel on stage. The hosts will then walk the audience for question retrieval from the attendees.

A debate is give and take. It is important to listen as well as speak. Preparation to debate is a tool which usually results in the influence of attendees. It is suggested that those intending to be involved in this debate forum research their points well.

Citizens Task Force welcomes all to the Western New York Q and A Gun Debate Forum. We look forward to your attendance and have your voice heard.

If there are any questions please contact Carrie M Christman at 585.410.3329, email at [carriemchristman@frontier.com](mailto:carriemchristman@frontier.com).



### SHOOTER'S COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION (SCOPE, INC)

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## SCOPE Members Meeting April 12

The annual SCOPE members meeting will be on April 12, 2014 at the Clay Sportsman's Club in Liverpool, NY at 11 AM.

All members are welcome to attend the meeting. Voting will be held to elect 5 seats on the SCOPE board of directors.

### Directions from NYS Thruway

- **Get off at Exit # 37**
- **At light after the toll booth, turn Right (North) onto Electronics Parkway which will turn into Henry Clay Blvd.**
- **Go 6.1 miles to the traffic light at Co. Rt. 31.**
- **Go through the light another .4 miles.**
- **Clay Sportsman's Club driveway is on the Right under the high tension lines.**

## The creation of the SAFE Act

By Ralph Esposito

The SAFE Act has been said to be an example of hastily cobbled together law and passed quickly to beat President Obama's gun control push. Well governor Cuomo was out to make a name for himself but this legislation was not quickly put together. It was carefully crafted and the governor played his hand in a manner that would have made Machiavelli blush.

The SAFE Act was not rushed, the Cuomo administration took many weeks to craft the 39 page bill. 39 pages sounds long enough but the bill itself is a maze of changes to existing statutes. So to truly find out all it's changes you would need several volumes to cross check all the changes that it would make in existing law. In short it is much larger and more complex than just 39 pages.

The many areas it regulates, registration, definitions of "assault weapons", ammunition background checks, magazine limitations, renewable pistol permits, all were put in to make lawsuits more difficult to pursue. Judges prefer to rule on one specific issue of a law, not the whole thing. This means it was unlikely a single lawsuit would be successful against all the parts of the law. Indeed

we saw this in the first lawsuit ruling of Judge William Skretny in Buffalo where he upheld all but the 7 round limit for magazines. Before the ink was dry the state filed an appeal and some (D) district attorneys suggested that the ruling was not binding. Basically they said they could ignore the judges decision. On magazine limits

The legislation was drafted with top security so word of what they were planning would not leak out. This means they were planning to introduce it as a surprise. Hoping it would minimize any organized protests from individuals and groups like SCOPE.

Cuomo chose his time carefully to rush the SAFE Act through a vote. This gave legislators no time to truly study the bill. An un-named source said the governor lied about the bill to secure some votes others were persuaded with money — all done legally of course.

This year we may find bills for microstamping and one gun a month being submitted. Oh and New York is spreading it's gun control fever. Pennsylvania is now considering similar SAFE Act legislation.

**You can help by donating to the SCOPE PAC (page 3), lawsuit (page 9), renewing or joining SCOPE (back page) and voting.**

## Bio of Paul Rusin

My name is Paul Rusin. I am seeking a second full term as your representative on the SCOPE Board of Directors. I was first appointed & approved at the annual meeting of members 5 years ago.

I am an ardent, and adamant, defender of the right to keep & bear arms.

I write for Firing Lines, as well as I having had my own sprecast (www.sprecast.com). Just look under 2brknot2bfree. Also I am constantly presenting the side of the gun owner in such venues as NY Times, Batavia Daily News, Buffalo News, etc. I have received two 'Golden Pen' awards from The D&C.

I am a staunch conservative capitalist, as well as a constitutionalist/libertarian leaning individual. I believe that our Constitution is the greatest document, and that the rights enshrined in it are not to be plundered by government.

This will likely, be my last run for the office of BoD at large. I hope I can represent you as a member of SCOPE's BoD.



## OFFICIAL S.C.O.P.E. 2013 BALLOT

### S.C.O.P.E. ELECTIONS FOR AT-LARGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are 5 seats up for election. Please vote for **any 5** from the following list and/or you may write in a member's name who is not listed, provided they are currently a member in good standing. Clip and mail your ballot as per the directions below. You are welcome and encouraged to attend the April 1 annual members' meeting. See page 3 for location and time.

Stephen Aldstadt,  David Carlson,  Joe McAdams,  Jim Nowotny  
 Paul Rusin,  Budd Schroeder,  \_\_\_\_\_

- You must be a member in good standing with a current active membership to vote.
- Ballots must be **postmarked no later than April 03, 2013.**

**Important: Leave your address label on the reverse side, clip out and send Ballot to:**

SCOPE, 8316 Irish Rd., Colden, NY 14033

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main citizens, and don't want to be treated like subjects. They pay their way and they value freedom. As the patriots who fought at Bunker Hill, Concord, Lexington and the other battlefields to become an independent nation, valued their right to keep and bear arms. It was the gun, not the politicians that set the country free from British rule. The Founding Fathers realized that fact and made the right to keep and bear arms the sec-

ond amendment, following freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the right to petition government.

Some have said that the Second Amendment is like the keystone in an arch. If that crumbles, the whole arch falls. The majority of Americans who own guns see them as tools to protect their freedoms, and will fight to keep their right to be free and to stay free. The right to possess firearms keeps them as free citizens so they will not be subjects or slaves.

This may be a subject of the upcoming elections and will be of particular interest to the voters of upstate New York. Some have said that Andrew Cuomo should be easily elected because there are 1.2 million more registered Democrats than Republicans. This is true, but there are also registered Conservative, Independence, and Working Families lines on the ballot. They are registered that way because they don't want to be associated with Republicans and Democrats. There are also millions of voters who don't register with any party.

It is academic to rely on numbers of people who are registered with any affiliation because the only thing that really counts is the number of people who go to the polls to vote. In the 2013 elections, in Erie County only about 30 percent of the registered voters actually voted; in New York City it was close to 20 percent. With millions of gun owners in New York who are angry at the politicians who rammed this law through in a very unethical way, there could be a very unpleasant surprise for Cuomo.

I don't intend to leave New York. I intend to stay and vote against Cuomo and urge all to vote against any politician who voted for the SAFE act. I'll bet there are millions of New York citizens who feel the same way. It should be an interesting election year.

### Bio of Joe McAdams

Life Member SCOPE

Life Member NRA

Member of:

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