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As I'm not able to attend, I would like to contribute a voice.

What I read on your website as a proposal, while it has a clear motive, is arrogant and rash, while showing lack of details around why and what each measure is to address.

- 1) How do you plan to compensate owners for all the existing weapons and ammunition legally purchased that must be handed in?
- 2) Under the verbiage of the 2nd amendment, why not propose "well regulated militias" where each region of the state has a local militia run in similar manner to other local organizations such as Rotary, Elks, Masons, etc. Require reasonable dues, and use the local internal volunteer work to educate, regulate and organize a voice when addressing issues such as what you propose. There should be state mandated guidelines and state representatives on each council, with leaders elected by members. Not all gun owners are homicidal lunatics. In fact, it's a very small fraction of a fraction. Give the people the opportunity to organize as the founding fathers intended.
- 3) 50% Sales tax on ammunition? You're insane. What about all the people that like to target shoot, such as myself? I won't even go hunting because I can't kill a soul, but like to compete. You would make my sport obsolete. There's absolutely no reason for this, and will not prevent anyone from getting ammunition if they want it. All you're doing is pissing off people that are responsible and have fun on a regular basis and like to compete. I'll reiterate, this has NO PURPOSE. See #2: if you belong to your local militia, use your membership card for normal sales tax, like groceries or paintballs.
- 4) Regulate using your driver's license. Put an ID on your license and let it be scanned in at any time for expiration.
- 5) Remember, gaining information on gun owners and sales/transfers is a benefit to you, the government, not the people involved. Do not tax people who provide you with a benefit while gaining nothing. This will be blatantly broken and will be the cause of all cases where the information or transaction is not recorded, and done so intentionally. If this is freely done, anywhere, by anyone, including background checks by private parties for private sales, you will get the most participation.
- 6) The second amendment is designed to protect people's liberties and freedoms from our government, not foreign governments. If you start taxing offensively and become unreasonable, it's perfectly good grounds for the purpose of the amendment to have all gun owners and non-gun owners show up on your doorstep and remove you from your elected duty.

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