

E-Mail Testimony to Joint Task Force on Gun Violence, 28Jan2013.

My name is Timothy Marugg. I am a husband, a homeowner, a taxpayer, and the father of a student. I understand very well the desire to be safe. Our world is NOT safe.

In 1991 while riding my bicycle across North America I was used for target practice. They missed. I was startled and shaken to the point of being unable to remember their license plate. This has happened several times, with various objects thrown from passing vehicles. My life was intentionally endangered simply for someone's amusement.

Since those attacks, I take the right to bear arms VERY seriously, exercise it regularly, and defend it vigorously. I am a certified firearms instructor. I practice in competitions, with pistols and with rifles. In the aftermath of an attack, the police might eventually show up to clean up the mess, but I am my own first line of defense: for myself, my family, and my community.

I am a responsible citizen, who understands that the laws of our State are supposed to be built upon the bedrock of our State Constitution, which includes Article 1, Section 15:

"Every Citizen has the right to bear arms in defense of himself and the State."

You should also understand, that for "Every Citizen", "Defense of the State" encompasses exactly the types of rifles and accessories these proposals seek to ban, as well as some of those already unconstitutionally banned in 1993.

I oppose any and all proposals that limit or discourage the ability to exercise those rights, including most of the list before you, which would exhaust my time just to read the bill numbers. Unless there is repeal or amendment of Article 1 Section 15, any proposal that:

- limits ammunition feeding devices OR
- requires registration of individual firearms OR
- levies new taxes, fees, or "insurance premiums" on permits, firearms, ammunition, or feeding devices OR
- restricts or discourages the purchase of ammunition, and thereby practice OR
- establishes a database of guns or lawful gun owners (every citizen has the right)

is encroachment, and infringement, a violation, of the legislator's Oath of Office.

Alexander Hamilton made clear in the Federalist, #29, that the best, least expensive security for our nation is "A large body of citizens, little if at all inferior to (a Standing Army) in discipline and use of arms, and the best security against (a Standing Army), if it should exist". A citizen armed on a par with an individual soldier is clearly supported.

As a degreed Electrical Engineer; the work I do keeps airliners from falling out of the sky. The notion that I can't be trusted with a Service Rifle is simply ridiculous.

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