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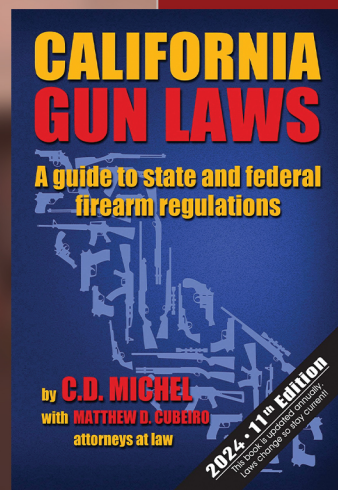
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES AS SCOTUS TAKES ANOTHER SECOND AMENDMENT CASE IN A POST-*BRUEN* WORLD

BY CHUCK MICHEL

CRPA PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL

The Supreme Court has decided to hear another Second

Amendment case next term;

***United States v. Rahimi*.** The decision to hear *Rahimi* comes just one year after SCOTUS decided the game-changing *Bruen* case. That might be good news for Second Amendment supporters...or not. CRPA is working with the Second Amendment Law Center and other stakeholders to put together an amicus brief campaign to make sure the decision in this case helps advance your Second Amendment rights.

The *Rahimi* case involved a federal criminal prosecution under section 922 of the United States Code. A unanimous Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals panel struck down the law, holding that:

"*Bruen* forecloses any . . . analysis [of salutary policy goals] in favor of a historical analogical inquiry into the scope of the allowable burden on the Second Amendment right. Through that lens, we conclude that § 922(g)



(8)'s ban on possession of firearms is an 'outlier' that our ancestors would never have accepted."

Since the government lost the case in the Court of Appeals, it asked SCOTUS to hear the case. Rather than let a 2A win stand, SCOTUS accepted the case for review. That itself is not a great sign, but isn't necessarily bad.

So now the Supreme Court will reconsider whether 922(g) (8)'s categorical ban on all people subject to restraining orders from possessing firearms is constitutional under *Bruen*'s history and tradition-focused test for Second Amendment challenges. In the process, the Court will likely have to decide whether and when an entire class of people can be prohibited from possessing firearms without consideration of individual circumstances.

This case could affect other prohibited classes of people: cannabis users, non-violent felons, people with civil restraining orders, and certain misdemeanor convictions. It doesn't help that Mr. Rahami is not a sympathetic character and is certainly not a poster child for Second Amendment rights. As the saying goes: bad facts can make bad law.

While the Supreme Court's ultimate ruling in *Rahimi* will likely have to directly address whether the government can bar certain classes of people from possessing firearms, there is more to it than that. Beyond that specific issue, the ruling in *Rahimi* may help settle some outstanding issues regarding how the *Bruen* test for evaluating the constitutionality of gun laws should be applied. How the Court settles those issues is the concern. It could help a lot. But it might hurt.



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Thank you CRPA!

— James Ellison, San Luis Obispo

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Remember that in the *Bruen* case, the central issue was whether the government could require people applying for a permit to carry a firearm in public to show a special need beyond simple self-defense. But in deciding that central issue, the Court clarified the legal test that should be used to determine the constitutionality of all gun laws. It took an “originalist” approach, requiring the government to show that there was a history and tradition of regulations

like the one being challenged for the modern law to be upheld.

In other words, the test now is designed to determine whether in 1791 the Founding Fathers would have tolerated a law like the modern one being challenged. Governments attempting to justify gun bans have already twisted the *Bruen* test to make it easier for pre-inclined courts to uphold gun bans, and some courts are buying the baloney. Some clarification would be helpful to shut down the games

the government is playing in other Second Amendment cases.

But the *Rahimi* case could be dangerous to Second Amendment rights. Anti-gun owner advocates hope the Court will reverse the Fifth Circuit’s ruling. They believe that because the Justices are reluctant to give someone like Rahimi back his gun rights, Justices Barrett and Kavanaugh and Chief Justice Roberts may join Justices Kagan, Sotomayor, and Jackson in upholding the law. How they could do that without limiting the *Bruen* analysis and making the Second Amendment weaker is the big question.

That’s where CRPA and the efforts of the Second Amendment Law Center come in. Rahimi is represented by the federal public defender’s office. That office is working hard on the case, and has been in touch with stakeholders like CRPA. But they have no particular expertise in 2A litigation. Amicus briefs are going to be critical.

The case will probably be argued before the Court in November or early December. Although requests to extend the briefing schedule could affect the deadlines. Opening briefs in *Rahimi* (the government’s brief and any supporting amicus briefs) were filed in late August, including almost 40 amicus briefs filed in support of the government. *Rahimi*’s response and supporting amicus briefs were due in early October. Support CRPA’s efforts and subscribe and stay informed at crpa.org.

Chuck



EXPERTS SEE UNCERTAINTY IN NEW SUPREME COURT GUN CASE

BY STEPHEN GUTOWSKI

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The nation's highest court is set to decide a new Second Amendment case, but how the justices might come down is murky at best.

A collection of experts from across the ideological spectrum who have spent decades studying the Second Amendment and American gun laws told *The Reload* that *United States v. Rahimi* presents a unique challenge for the Court that will likely flush out its new test for gun cases. But they were less confident about the direction the justices might take or the conclusion they might arrive at.

"It is still too early to tell what the Supreme Court will do in *Rahimi*," George Mason University professor Robert Leider, who writes about the Second Amendment and teaches at the Antonin Scalia Law School, said.

Rahimi will be the first gun case the Supreme Court takes up since it handed down a new Second Amendment test in last year's *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*. It

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is an appeal of a Fifth Circuit panel's ruling that found the federal ban on those subject to domestic violence restraining orders possessing guns was unconstitutional under the *Bruen* test. It stems from a case against a Texas man who pled guilty to violating a restraining order his child's mother had against him over accusations he assaulted her when police found he had guns in his home. The police were able to search his home and find the guns because he is also accused of carrying out multiple shootings unrelated to the situation with his ex-girlfriend.

"Doubtless, 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) embodies salutary policy goals meant to protect vulnerable people in our society," Judge Cory T. Wilson wrote for the panel. "Weighing those policy goals' merits through the sort of means-end scrutiny our prior precedent indulged, we previously concluded that the societal benefits of § 922(g)(8) outweighed its burden on *Rahimi*'s Second Amendment rights. But *Bruen* forecloses any such analysis in favor of a historical analogical inquiry into the scope of the allowable burden on the Second Amendment right. Through that lens, we conclude that § 922(g)(8)'s ban on possession of



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firearms is an 'outlier that our ancestors would never have accepted.' Therefore, the statute is unconstitutional, and *Rahimi's* conviction under that statute must be vacated."

The Department of Justice (DOJ) decided to skip appealing to the full Fifth Circuit and head straight to the Supreme Court, which agreed to take up the case late last month. All of the

experts who spoke with *The Reload* agreed that move was a potentially-smart piece of strategic litigating by Attorney General Merrick Garland and the DOJ.

Adam Winkler, a UCLA law professor and author of *Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Bear Arms in America*, argued *Rahimi* was an "absolutely necessary" case for the Court to

take up. He said the justices need to provide further guidance on how to do the *Bruen* test, if not eliminate it outright, as gun-control activists have pushed for.

"The *Bruen* case wreaked havoc in the lower courts," he said. "Lower courts have been really struggling, trying to figure out how to apply the history and tradition of cast test to a

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suite of gun laws that, in truth, just don't have much relationship with the gun laws of the 1700s and 1800s. So, we've seen a wide number of laws struck down since *Bruen* was decided. And I think the kinds of laws that have been struck down have been surprising. I don't think anyone in the gun space would have been really surprised had the Court struck down bans on assault weapons or high capacity magazines, laws that are kind of outlier laws; they're not really adopted in very many states. But for a court to strike down the restriction on guns to domestic abusers under a restraining order is the kind of thing that almost assures that the Supreme Court is going to step back in."

And he said the charges leveled against Mr. *Rahimi* make his a particularly bad test case for gun-rights

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advocates.

"If the court is going to step in and clarify, I think the *Rahimi* case is the best case for gun safety advocates to go to the Supreme Court," Winkler said. "There is no less sympathetic person in the world than a domestic

abuser."

Mark W. Smith, a former law professor and author of *First They Came for the Gun Owners: The Campaign to Disarm You and Take Your Freedoms*, noted DOJ skipped over appeals to rulings against prohibitions it uses far

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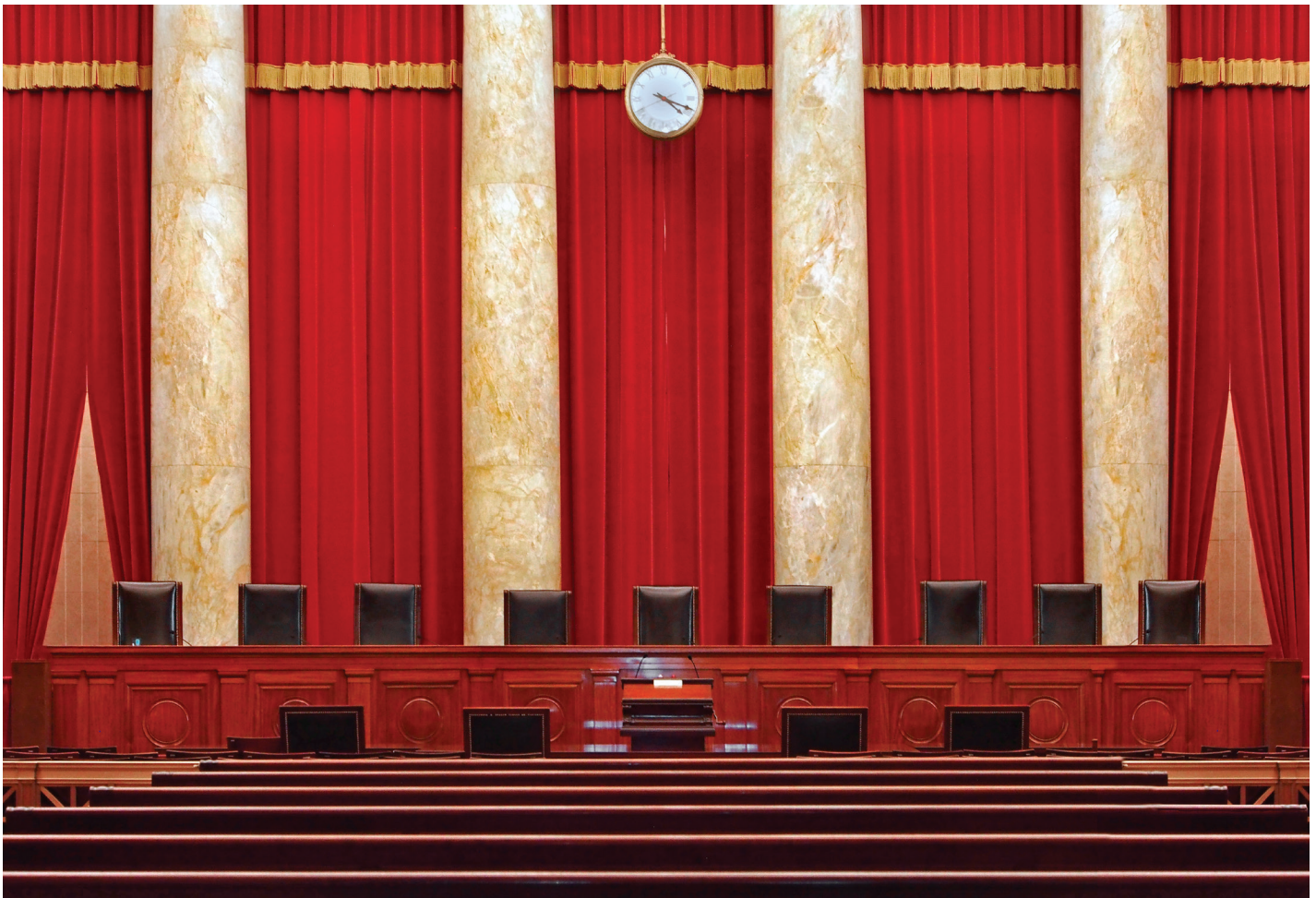


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more often, such as the felon-in-possession ban the Third Circuit recently cast doubt on, to elevate a case over a charge it rarely uses in practice.

"Here's the interesting thing," he said. "Did Merrick Garland and the Department of Justice for Joe Biden laser focus and try to get the Supreme Court to hear a § 922(g)(1) case involving felons in possession of firearms, the bread and butter routine thing that U.S. Attorney's Offices see every day in America? They did not. What did they do? Instead, they laser-focused on this *Rahimi* case."

But he called the maneuvering a "gamble."

"DOJ thinks that the fact that Mr. Rahimi allegedly is a bad guy involved in five shootings, that's going

to somehow sway the Supreme Court to ignore the law, to ignore the Constitution, and to somehow bend over backwards to find a way to make Mr. Rahimi lose, and, in the process of ensuring that Mr. Rahimi loses by extension, screw up in some way the *Bruen* methodology," Smith said. "Remember, the Supreme Court did give us *Bruen* a year ago. And, if Merrick Garland thinks they're going to somehow screw that up and do an about-face, I don't think that's going to happen."

Others remained less confident, though. Josh Blackman, a Cato Institute scholar and a South Texas College of Law professor who teaches constitutional law, said the case is "the last possible case I would pick" to

follow up *Bruen*.

"I can see why the Solicitor General skipped asking the Fifth Circuit for rehearing en banc and went straight to the Supreme Court," he said. "If I am the Biden administration, this is the best case I could ask for. It will force Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Kavanaugh to let someone accused of domestic violence keep a firearm. I think that is unlikely. A majority of the Court may end up limiting *Bruen*, or at least creating a carveout for people with certain types of criminal offenses."

That's despite the fact that he, and several of the other experts, believe the restraining order prohibition will have a hard time meeting the history and tradition standard laid out in *Bruen*.

He said that stood in contrast to laws against felons owning guns because what constitutes a felony has ballooned over the years, with many non-violent crimes landing offenders like Martha Stewart lifetime gun bans.

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en—at least as many courts currently understand the practically-newborn standard.

“As an originalist matter, under the *Bruen* framework, there is not a clear analog between the domestic violence restraining order and past laws,” Blackman said. “This fact is unsurprising because when the Second Amendment was ratified, domestic violence, as we know it today, was not a legal concept. So following *Bruen* does support the Fifth Circuit’s decision.”

Winkler agreed but argued that was evidence of the *Bruen* test’s “foolishness.”

“Well, of course, we didn’t have laws restricting domestic abusers from possessing firearms in the 1700s and 1800s,” he said. “Domestic abuse wasn’t really illegal. It was allowed. So, domestic abuse kind of highlights the ways in which society has fundamentally changed from the 1700s and 1800s. And our understanding of what violence is and who violent people are has changed.”

Andrew Willinger, executive director of Duke University’s Center for Firearms Law, also said there aren’t exact historical analogues from the founding era for a domestic violence restraining order leading to a ban on gun ownership. But he argued that isn’t really what the *Bruen* standard requires under the circumstances at play in *Rahimi*.

“In general, I think *Rahimi* presents the question of what happens when analogizing to history ‘runs out,’ or is incapable of producing a straightforward answer because the concerns motivating a modern law simply weren’t present around the time of the Founding,” he said. “I read the Fifth Circuit’s decision as holding that the *Bruen* test defaults to unconstitutionality in these circumstances—so, no matter the reason that certain

laws weren't present at the time of the Founding, that fact means the modern law violates the Second Amendment. I think the panel erred when it failed to conduct the 'more nuanced approach' that *Bruen* identified for 'cases implicating unprecedented societal concerns.'

He isn't alone in thinking the Court will reverse the Fifth Circuit's ruling either. Winkler said it's most likely "you see a majority of the court watering down the *Bruen* test." Leider argued there's a substantial chance the Court upholds the law, and the "open question is how narrow or broad its ruling will be" because Chief Justice John Roberts generally works towards broad consensus rulings on controversial topics, which implies a more narrow ruling could be the result.

"The legal question in this case is a narrow one: whether the Second Amendment allows the federal government to prohibit the possession of firearms by those under domestic violence restraining orders," "Of the factors that may trigger a ban on gun possession, this one is the most tailored. It only applies when the restraining order is in effect. And at least in most states, in theory, the

In the end, despite the difficulty of forecasting what the justices might do, the experts largely agreed the Court is unlikely to enact sweeping changes to how it handles gun cases so soon after handing down that test.

restraining order should not issue unless the person is a danger to a family member or has previously assaulted, battered, or stalked a family member. There is a strong correlation between those who have previously engaged in family violence and those who ultimately murder their family members."

He said that stood in contrast to laws against felons owning guns because what constitutes a felony has ballooned over the years, with many non-violent crimes landing offenders like Martha Stewart lifetime gun bans.

"So, of the various prohibiting criteria, the domestic violence restraining

order ban may be the most defensible," Leider said. "Historically, the court system has also been involved in the prevention of crimes. There is a tradition of requiring defendants to post a surety to keep the peace when there is probable cause to believe that they are a danger to others. At common law, a spouse could seek sureties of the peace against the other spouse, and the common law permitted such actions even during times in history when spouses could not generally sue each other."

Justice Amy Coney Barrett's dissent in 2019's *Kanter v. Barr* could play a significant role if the Court does

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decide to rework its Second Amendment test, Willinger argued. He said he could see six justices going along with the reasoning.

"I expect the Court to clarify that a more nuanced approach applies and, most likely, to adopt Justice Barrett's position in *Kanter* that the general historical principle that dangerous individuals may be disarmed supports the domestic violence restraining order law under the nuanced approach," he said. "I read Justice Barrett's dissent in *Kanter* to say that laws such as 922(g)(8) are constitutional because history supports prohibitions based 'on present-day judgments about categories of people whose possession of guns would endanger the public safety.'"

Although, Winkler said that standard could run into its own problems because its foundation is laid primarily on bigoted gun bans.

"The court could say, 'This is analogous to laws banning dangerous people like Blacks or Native Americans from possessing firearms,'" he said. "But I think that's kind of an uncomfortable opinion to write. Why?

Because it's clear that Blacks and Native Americans were not dangerous people and that was totally based on falsehood and racism. The ban on domestic abusers, it's not based on falsehood but on very clear data that show that domestic abusers with firearms are the most dangerous demographic to have firearms in the world."

Still, there was broad agreement that the case isn't a sure thing. Winkler said while it's "the best-case scenario for gun safety advocates," it's not "a slam dunk." Smith called it "very risky" for gun-control advocates.

"It may work; it may somehow undercut the *Bruen* methodology," he said. "But, boy, it may backfire entirely and allow for the Supreme Court to clean up a lot of these open questions we've seen in the last year in these various cases across the country and fix it up and strengthen the *Bruen* methodology. And I could see that happening just as easily as it going the other way."

A few experts also raised the possibility the Court could take up another case in the same vein as *Rahimi*. Last

month, in *Range v. AG*, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals found the federal law prohibiting a non-violent felon from owning guns violates his Second Amendment rights. Willinger said if the Court adopts Barrett's reasoning from *Kanter*, that would imply a good chance a case like *Range* would be next on its docket. Leider and Smith both agreed.

"I can see a situation where the Supreme Court grants cert later this year to the *Range* case and decides the *Range* case and the *Rahimi* case," Smith said. "I could see the *Range* case resolving the substantive Second Amendment question, while the *Rahimi* case may focus on the procedural process by which the government must follow to take away Second Amendment substantive rights."

In the end, despite the difficulty of forecasting what the justices might do, the experts largely agreed the Court is unlikely to enact sweeping changes to how it handles gun cases so soon after handing down that test. It could tweak or rework parts of its application, but a total redo is probably not in the works.

"I would be surprised to see the Court issue a broad decision clarifying other aspects of the *Bruen* test because I think the justices likely disagree in fundamental ways about questions such as the extent to which lower courts should rely on the adversarial process for historical inquiries, the proper level of generality to use when looking at history in other areas of Second Amendment law such as sensitive places and assault weapons bans, and so on," Willinger said.

One thing is for sure, though.

"Regardless of how the Supreme Court decides the case, everyone will be pouring over every word in the opinion," Leider said. **CRPA**

STATE OF PLAY

GUN INDUSTRY MOVED 2A RIGHTS FORWARD, ONE STATE BILL AT A TIME

BY LARRY KEANE

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A new Axios report shows state lawmakers passed more pro-firearm industry bills over the past 12 months than gun control

measures. That's reflective of the efforts of NSSF's Government Relations – State Affairs team working relentlessly to promote, protect and preserve the firearm industry from gun control efforts that seek to hobble and even destroy it.

According to the Axios report, more than 1,700 firearm-related bills have been introduced in state legislatures since last May, following the Uvalde, Texas, tragedy. Ninety-three of those bills were passed by legislatures and signed into law. Of those, 56 percent “expanded access to firearms or benefited the firearms industry by allowing manufacturing in the state or protecting them from liability lawsuits.” On the flip side, nearly 44 percent of the bills “restricted access to firearms or



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supported victims/potential victims in gun-related cases.”

Some states have been tougher than others. Several states like Washington, Oregon, California, Illinois, New York, and Connecticut have supermajorities that skew toward gun control. Other states, like Arizona, Nevada, and Virginia are slim majorities or split between the parties controlling one side of the legislature or the other. Still, other states like Florida moved aggressively to protect the firearm industry.

NSSF's Government Relations team didn't take any state for granted – as either completely for the firearm industry or against it. Nothing was – or is – taken for granted.

FIREARM INDUSTRY FINANCIAL FIREWALL

Firearm industry victories focused on the ability of lawful firearm businesses to remain operational and providing the means to exercise Second Amendment rights.

Beginning under President Barack Obama's Operation Choke Point, financial industry and banking and payment service providers throttled lawful firearm businesses using their services simply because they were a disfavored industry. Those efforts continue in the private sector, but states are fighting back by prohibiting and penalizing financial institutions from operating that way.

Several states adopted NSSF-supported Financial Industry Nondiscrimination (FIND) Act laws that bar state governments from entering into contracts with companies that benefit from taxpayer dollars while also instituting “woke” environmental, social, governance (ESG) and antigun discriminatory policies on those taxpayers. These include Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

Several legislatures have passed – and governors have signed into law – laws that prohibit the use of a firearm retailer-specific merchant category code (MCC) by credit card companies to track lawful sales and possibly lead to backdoor gun control and firearm ownership lists by government agencies. Florida's Gov. Ron DeSantis recently signed this law, as did Montana's Gov. Greg Gianforte, and North Dakota's Gov. Doug Burgum. West Virginia's Gov. Jim Justice, Mississippi's Gov. Tate

The work continues. As some states wrap up, others are getting ramped up.

Reeves, and Idaho's Gov. Brad Little have signed laws barring the use of a MCC on firearm purchases earlier this year.

Similar legislative efforts are ongoing on the federal level in Washington, D.C.

BAD BILLS DOOMED

Some firearm industry victories are preventing bad gun control laws from taking root. That's the case for Nevada's Gov. Joe Lombardo, who was faced

with that prospect less than six months into his term as governor.

In that instance, Gov. Lombardo stood strong for Nevadans' constitutional rights and vetoed three significant gun control bills. Those bills included implementing an age-based gun ban on adults over the age of 18 years old; instituting restrictive limits where law-abiding gun owners could carry their legally-permitted concealed firearms; and expanding the definitions of individuals who would be prohibited from purchasing and possessing firearms.

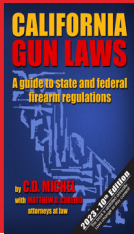
In Texas, an age-based gun ban passed out of a House of Representatives committee only to fail to receive a vote by the full chamber. Texas law recognizes the right of law-abiding 18-year-olds to purchase long guns since the 1960s. Numerous other pieces of legislation failed to gain approval in states from west to east, including mandating gun owners purchase liability insurance, mandatory firearm storage in the home, excise taxes on ammunition purchases, and more.

The work continues. As some states wrap up, others are getting ramped up. Others stay in session year-round, requiring constant vigilance against industry-damaging legislation. That is vital to supporting customers who want to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Voters have spoken in support of their Second Amendment rights to purchase and possess **commonly-owned** firearms.

NSSF has been reminding elected officials why they've been elected to represent the will of their constituents.

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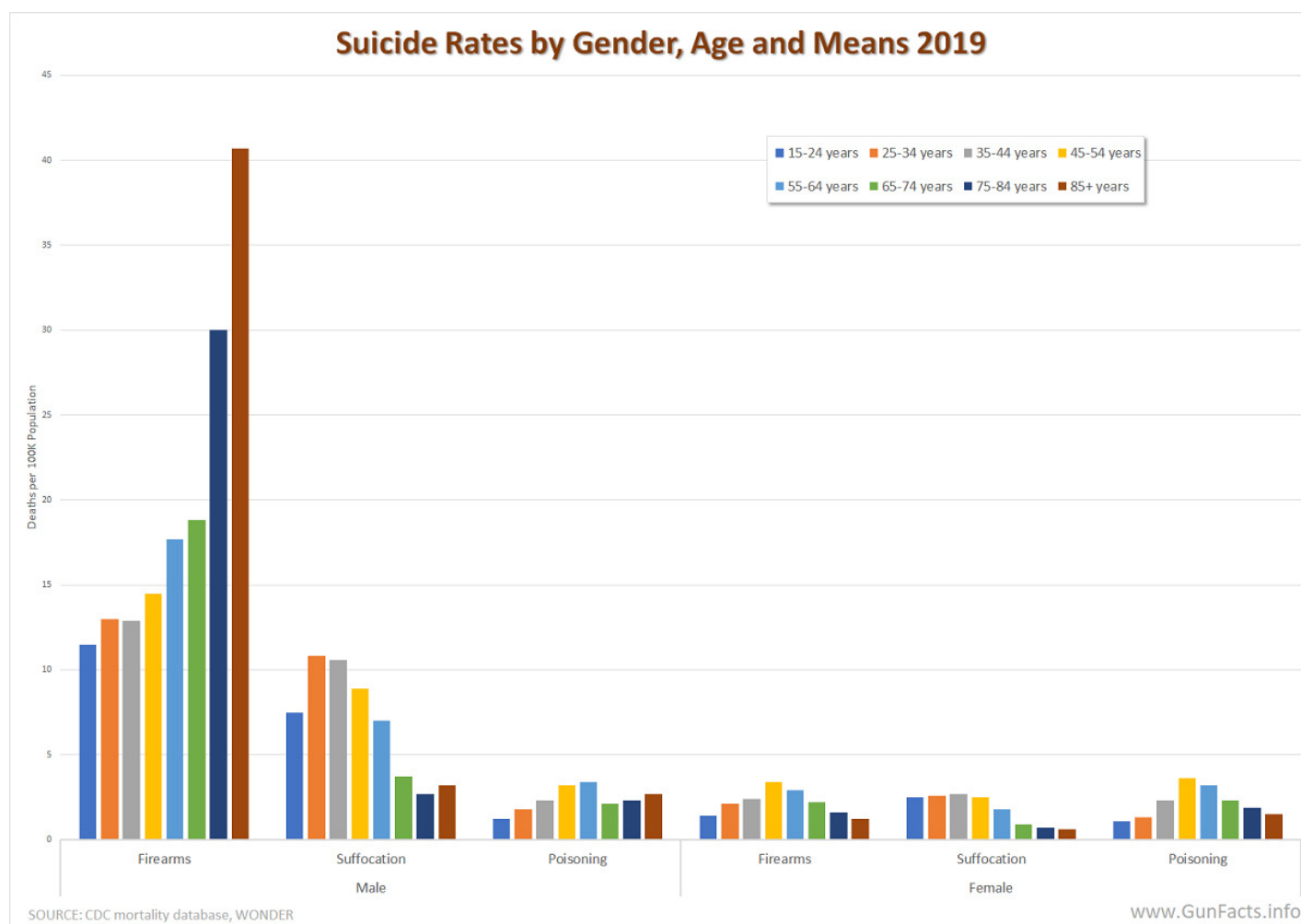


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YOUNG SUFFOCATION ON THE RISE

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We have long known that firearm suicides are staggeringly higher for old, white, rural males.

But while digging a bit deeper, we noticed that the rate of women committing suicide is rising (93% since 1999 compared to 33% for males, in the fastest rising age bracket, and most of the rise in both after 2013 but before the pandemic).

This chart starkly displays the dispar-

ities in age, gender and the means for suicide.

You will note that for younger adults, suffocation is a skewed choice for both sexes. For suicidal young adults, it rivals firearms.

In our book, *Guns and Control: A Non-partisan Guide to Understanding Mass Public Shootings, Gun Accidents, Crime, Public Carry, Suicides, Defensive Use, and More* by Guy Smith, we discussed the “old, white, rural male” suicide issue and discussed some of the possible psychographics behind that skewing. **CRPA**

THANKS TO CRPA'S EFFORTS, SAN FRANCISCO IS **FINALLY** ISSUING CCW PERMITS

BY KONSTADINOS MOROS

While the *Bruen* decision from the Supreme Court of the United States was a tremendous win, CRPA's attorneys knew they would nonetheless have their hands full after the decision came down last June. We anticipated counties that have historically opposed gun rights and carry rights were not going to suddenly respect the Second Amendment, at least not without a firm push from CRPA. So CRPA formed the CCW Reckoning Project and turned on the heat. As a result, tens of thousands of permits to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) have been issued in the last year. But that only brings the total number up to around 300,000. It should be several million.



With San Francisco especially, we had our work cut out for us. The day *Bruen* was published, San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto bragged that he had not issued a single concealed carry permit since taking

office in January 2020. He also parroted the gun ban lobby's talking points, claiming that "more guns in the community does not mean the community is more safe." Well actually, yes it does.

Uniquely, the city and county of San Francisco have both a sheriff's department and police department that cover the same geographic area. In theory, at least, applicants could apply with either department to get their CCW permit. But for many months the reality was that no one got permits. Applications were received and ignored. Both departments made vague promises about getting their permit processing systems up and running, but months passed with no progress. CRPA attorneys kept in constant contact with the sheriff's department, and later SFPD, to push them along.

Finally, the first permits were issued, but the pace of processing applications was still way too slow.

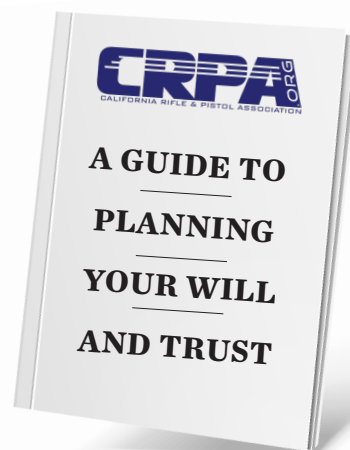
This pressure campaign eventually culminated in a threatened lawsuit, which was also precipitated by the city planning to try to frustrate CCW applicants by proposing a new gun-free zones ordinance. This ordinance would effectively make the entire city off-limits for carry. As covered elsewhere, the board of supervisors eventually tabled the planned ordinance following our letter to them.

The prospect of litigation seemed to jumpstart movement in both departments.

The sheriff's department recently informed CRPA that it has now issued 11 permits and has three more that will be issued shortly. Many others are at various steps in the process, such as the live scan, psychological exam (itself of questionable constitutionality), and safety training.

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SFPD is moving even faster. Fourteen permits have been issued, 14 more have been approved by the police chief and will be issued soon, 11 await final approval, 43 have been sent to the safety course step, and another 214 are pending between background, livescan, and psychological evaluations.



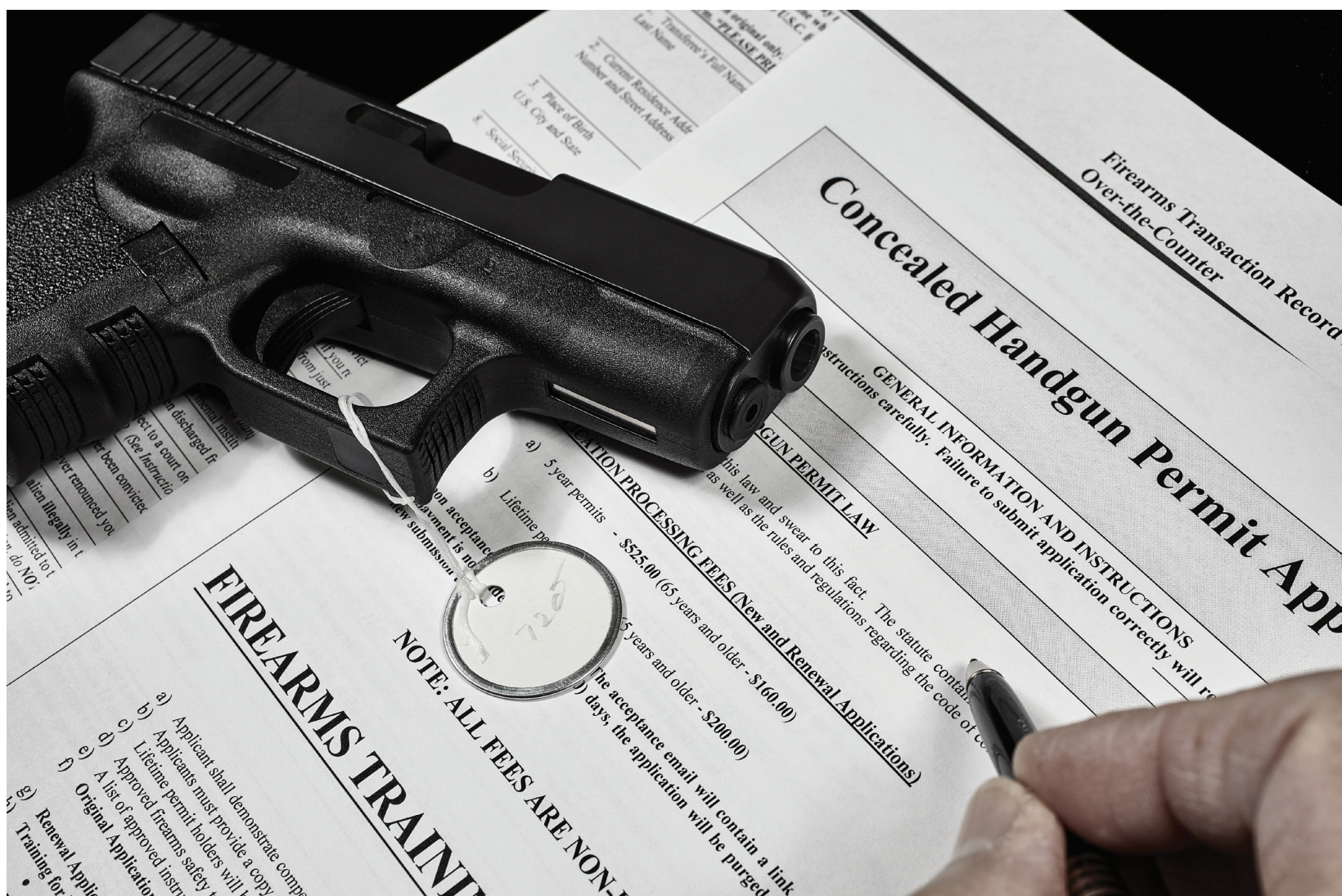
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soon, 11 await final approval, 43 have been sent to the safety course step, and another 214 are pending between background, livescan, and psychological evaluations.

In total there should be close to 300 CCWs issued within the next several months. If you live there and haven't applied yet, now's the time.

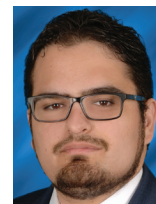
Of course, issues persist. Wait times are still far too long and exceed California's legal requirement of a 90-day timeline. And some applicants are being held up for questionable reasons. We are very much aware of these challeng-

es and are not declaring "mission accomplished" yet. But it's important to celebrate the victories when they come. San Francisco, a city so against the right to carry that its sheriff boasted about not issuing any permits, is now steadily handing out carry permits to regular citizens who apply for them.

We'll continue to push counties that are dragging their feet to comply with Bruen. As part of the CRPA's CCW Reckoning Project, we've also recently sent a letter to the attorney general about these issues in various counties beyond just San

Francisco and have several legislators lined up to push the AG's office to enforce the law against recalcitrant jurisdictions. **CRPA**

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VOTERS AREN'T BUYING THE GUN CONTROL LAWS ANTI-GUN POLITICIANS ARE SELLING

BY LARRY KEANE

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Politicians in New York and California push extreme gun control restrictions under the guise of keeping people safe. Governors Gavin Newsom and Kathy Hochul should take note – their voters disagree.

Perception is reality and if voters feel endangered by surging criminal violence and continue to see news stories of violent criminals being let off easy by soft-on-criminal prosecutors in their cities, they will act to ensure their safety. That includes legally purchasing a firearm for self-defense – maybe even as a first-time buyer. It could also mean giving prosecutors or other officials the boot from elected office.

Regardless, residents in cities across the country still perceive politicians as failing to address their safety concerns. It doesn't matter if those same anti-gun, anti-safety officials repeatedly tell them otherwise.

EMPIRE STATE ILLUSION

Last month, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul attempted to calm New Yorkers' fears about how dangerous their cities have become. She bragged about her administration's efforts to implement strict gun control. "Our efforts are working," the governor said.

Gov. Hochul used the example of New York State Trooper Richard Albert, who was shot in the arm after pulling over a speeding car, as how recently-enacted strict gun control is working to keep New Yorkers safe. She failed to mention that the criminal who shot Trooper Albert had a long criminal history, had served an 11-year prison term and was a prohibited individual barred from legally purchasing a firearm. That individual, who took his own life during the standoff, never followed any of the strict laws enacted by Gov. Hochul.

That was June. Now in July, a new report from Siena College reveals New Yorkers aren't buying the governor's rosy outlook.

"61% Worry About Being Crime Victim; Half Worry About Their Safety in Public Places," a new polling report is titled. Those are significant num-



► **New York, NY - May 25, 2022:** Governor Kathy Hochul speaks at Antonio Delgado swearing in ceremony as New York State Lieutenant Governor at New York City governor's office. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

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Through its Sacramento and local legal and political advocates, CRPA works in the state capital, in regulatory agencies and in city halls throughout California to promote laws that protect these rights and to oppose laws that infringe on these rights.

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bers that fly in the face of Gov. Hochul's false optimism. The report also said that 36 percent of New Yorkers – more than one-third – felt threatened by a stranger's actions in a public place.

“Crime isn't just something that happens to others far away according to New Yorkers,” said Don Levy, SCRI's Director. “While 87% say crime is a serious problem in our state and 57% say it is a problem in their community, a disturbingly high 61% say that they are worried about it happening to them, a majority are concerned about themselves or their loved ones being safe in public places, and many are taking steps to protect themselves as best they can.”

That last line is telling.

DODGING, SHIFTING BLAME AND EXCUSES

In New York City, crime still remains front of mind. Examples of criminal violence on subways can be found almost weekly. Metro Transit Authorities nonchalantly stated the crime has been a “bad couple of weeks” for subway riders after multiple stabbings and shootings. Recent notable violence included criminals targeting innocent New Yorkers while driving around on scooters. That included a murderer who randomly shot several people, tragically killing one.

Last week, three people were shot in Times



► **New York, NY - November 19, 2021:** Manhattan District Attorney-Elect Alvin Bragg attends meeting with activists against gun violence at SAVE office in East Harlem. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

Square, which along with the subways and much of New York City are all prohibited “sensitive areas” that are gun-free zones where law-abiding Americans are barred from carrying a firearm to protect themselves.

The reactions from New York’s leaders are revealing. Gov. Hochul already said she’ll dodge and distract to deny reality. In New York City, Mayor Eric Adams, who has a long gun-control track record, blamed the media for reporting on the violence, not the criminals perpetrating the violence.

“They start their day picking up the news, the morning papers... and they see some of the most horrific events that may happen throughout the previous day,” a defensive Mayor Adams said during an interview. “Plays on your psyche!”

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg – a George Soros-backed soft-on-crime prosecutor – uttered the truth out loud. “...When one of my family members gets on the train, I, too, get a knot in my stomach,” D.A. Bragg recently confessed. Perhaps on the first day in office, he shouldn’t have announced a long list of crimes his office would no longer prosecute.

CALIFORNIA NIGHTMARES

From coast-to-coast, the story’s the same. Gov. Newsom brags of his state’s “leadership” in denying constitutional rights, attacking the lawfully and constitutionally-protected firearm industry and all who support and seek to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

He’s gone on a media lovefest tour for his effort to enact a 28th Amendment to the Constitution that would eradicate the right to keep and bear arms. While he’s teasing presidential ambitions, Californians are left alone to deal with their safety concerns. An annual crime report shows Californians’ fear of increasing crime is justified, according to reporting.

“The 2022 report revealed that the state’s violent crime rate increased by 6.1% since 2021, and property crime was up 6.2%. Homicides dipped very slightly, but robberies jumped by 10.2%,” a release said. “Californians’ perception of crime spiked during the pandemic – as did certain types of crime. Nearly two in three Californians call violence and street crime in their local community a problem. This includes 31% who call them a big problem, a noticeable increase from February 2020 (24%).”

Remember, during the heights of the pandemic, the Los Angeles Police Department told residents to “cooperate and comply” if they found themselves being victimized by criminals. San Francisco residents had enough of George Soros-backed D.A. Chesa Boudin that they recalled him for his failures to address crime.

Now, another George Soros-backed prosecutor is facing the music she wrote. California’s Alameda County D.A. Pamela Price is battling a recall effort over her failing soft-on-crime policies. She responded to criticism of her office’s track record by stating that her role “has really no impact on crime.”

PROTECTING THEMSELVES

“Many are taking steps to protect themselves as best they can.” That was the line from the Siena College poll. Firearm industry data proves that’s exactly what is happening in states across the country, especially New York and California.

In New York, law-abiding citizens have rejected their politicians’ lies and turned to the Second Amendment. More than 145,000 New Yorkers have purchased a firearm at retail in 2023, so far. Since 2020, that total is 1.4 million. In California, more than 473,000 have purchased a firearm at retail in just the first six months of the year. Since 2020, Californians have bought more than 3.8 million firearms.

As long as gun control politicians, like those in New York and California, continue to deny reality and instead of getting tough on criminals choose to push restrictions that do nothing to improve community safety, Americans will keep making their voices heard. That includes booting them from office at the ballot box or by purchasing a firearm and exercising their right to feel safe. **CRPA**

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BOOK REVIEW

'A PIPE HITTERS GUIDE TO SMALL ARMS & WEAPONS'

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BY DAN ZIMMERMAN

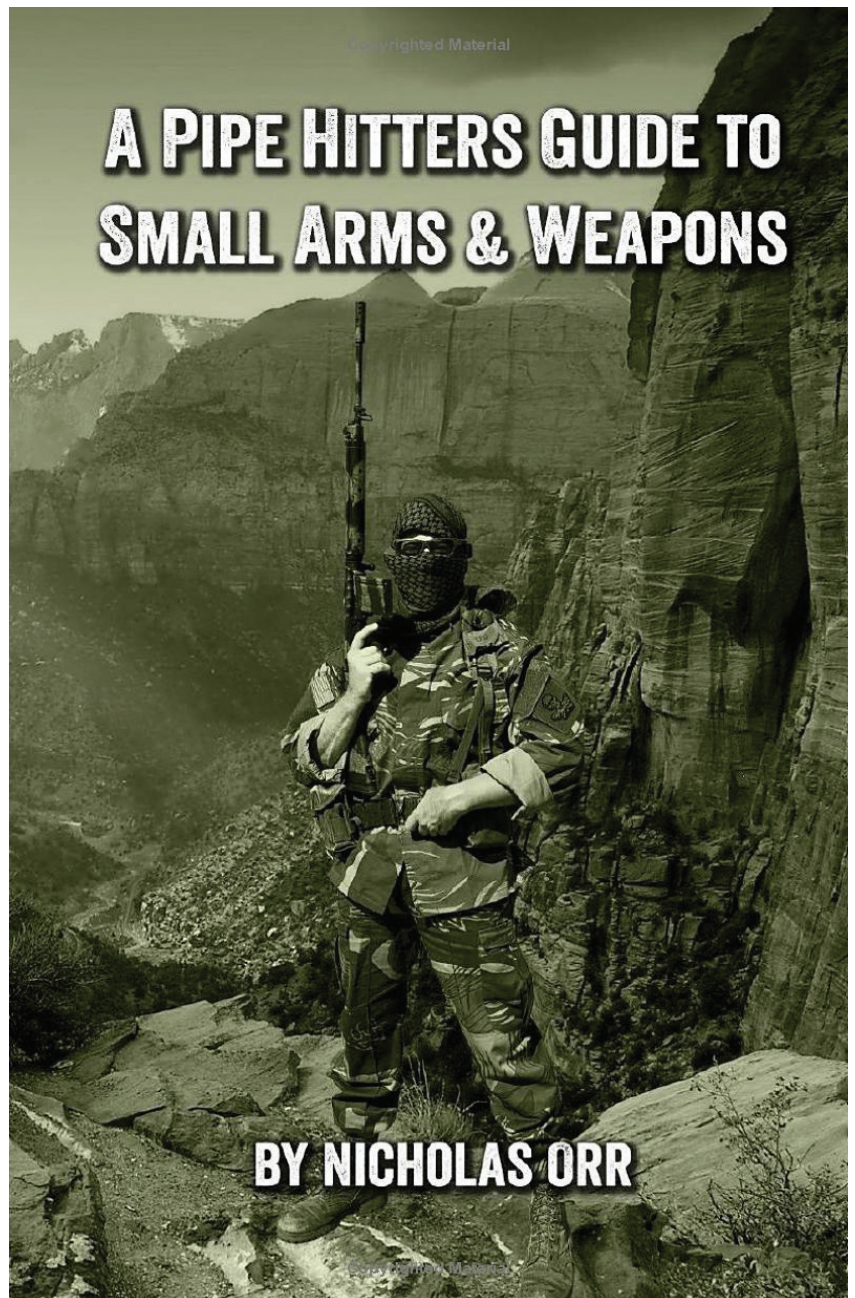
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Some say a “pipe hitter” is member of a U.S. military special ops branch. Think CAG, SEALS, Green Berets, Rangers, and the like. Others use the term to describe anyone who’s willing to go the extra mile to get a job done. Nicholas Orr, author of *A Pipe Hitters Guide to Small Arms & Weapons* leans toward the latter definition.

However you define the term, *A Pipe Hitter’s Guide* is the latest in Orr’s *Pipe Hitters* series that includes advice on how citizens can organize and protect their communities during disasters, emergencies, and societal breakdown, along with advice on securing your home and community when the S hits the F.

If you’re not a prepper or you’re already well-fixed in terms of knowing how to handle a bad situation in your home, neighborhood, or region, don’t worry. Orr’s *Guide to Small Arms & Weapons* is probably his most accessible book yet in the series.

Orr describes the book as “an end-user’s look at some of the most important arms used by people in the last hundred-plus years.” In short, it highlights a range of commonly used and frequently historically significant pistols, rifles, shotguns, and edged weapons that many readers will either already own or might want to in the future.



But you don't have to be an operator or even a well-informed mall ninja to get something out of the Guide to Small Arms & Weapons. Orr has compiled a useful guide that wouldn't be a bad place to start, even for a beginner. This book is a carefully curated collection of guns any well-equipped individual should consider owning.

While his list of long guns is confined to "fighting rifles" and "fighting

shotguns," not everything Orr has chosen will be considered "tactical." He starts off the list of handguns with the venerable Colt Single Action Army wheelgun, among other revolvers like the Smith & Wesson Model 10 and Taurus Model 80.

The Guide to Small Arms & Weapons isn't an encyclopedic compilation. Orr keeps his lists brief and selective, concentrating on commonly-owned — and perhaps as

important — commonly available firearms that are proven and that a pipe hitter, or any citizen can rely on when things go south. For instance, as he writes...

"For a rifle to be considered on this list we will set the bar at 5 million units produced and in worldwide circulation. We will focus on some of the most popular and successful fighting rifles that are still viable tools for the modern pipe hitter."

As for shotguns and their worth as personal defense weapons, he writes...

"While it is true that any shotgun, when pressed into service can be a defensive fighting shotgun, the models highlighted above have the advantage of having not only been tested in combat or on the streets by law enforcement and citizens as fighting tools."

"To the myth that 'you cannot miss' with a shotgun or the misunderstanding that shotguns are somehow tools for amateurs, the best way to dispel both is to engage in deliberate training. In the hands of trained professionals, the fighting shotgun is a devastating close quarters combat tool."

How selective is he? Orr includes only nine handguns, eight rifles, and four shotguns (not to mention ten edged weapons and a shovel). He provides brief, informative historical notes on each entry and gives useful profiles of the guns and their uses. He also briefly delves into worthy topics such as types of shotgun ammunition and ammo storage.

I won't list what's on Orr's judicious list here... that's half the fun of the book. A Pipe Hitters Guide to Small Arms & Weapons won't take you days to get through. It's only 117 pages, so you can easily cover it in an evening while sipping a glass or two of good brown liquor. It's time well spent. **CRPA**



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THE LITTLE GUN CLUB THAT COULD

BY MARIA SAGLIETTO
CRPA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

This past spring, I received a phone call from a long time CRPA member, Mr. Joseph Lantieri, telling me about the historical firearms club he belonged to, the San Fernando Valley Historical Arms Collector Association.

The San Fernando Valley Historical Arms Collector Association has been in existence for more than 40 years. In recent years, this group of collectors met at the San Fernando Valley Masonic Lodge every fourth Friday of the month exhibiting and sharing their collections and discussing the rich history behind firearms. Their membership never exceeded 50 members at any given time, and for several years now, the group has had a roster of about 20 members with a turnout of approximately 10 members per meeting. Even with these small numbers, the club remained steadfast and sustained.

The club funded itself with dues that were set at \$20 per year per member along with additional monies being raised by holding auctions three to four times a year where they would sell a diverse number of



items to each other. These auctions typically generated between \$200 to \$300 a year and these proceeds accumulated in the club's general fund.

Club leadership included long standing President, Tony Alvarez, an avid collector, a knowledgeable historian, and a dedicated club officer who was never short on supply of information. He and his wife, Donna Alvarez, were, until recently, fixtures at the club. Donna lent a helping hand to the club wherever she could, often supplying cakes and cookies for club meetings. These wonderful goodies often brought about unsolicited additional monetary contributions from members to the club's funds. The Alvarez's were an integral part of the San Fernando Valley Historical Arms Association.

Mr. Lantieri told me that the San

Fernando Valley Historical Arms Association had now come to a crossroads. The club had been very negatively impacted by COVID shutdowns; they lost their meeting place and, due to the maturity of the club's members, meeting attendance had dwindled. While these enthusiasts very much still enjoyed the friendships they had made over time and the passion they all shared for the historical arms they collected, it was concluded that the club had run its course.

Final club meetings included discussions on what was to be done with the funds the club had amassed over years and a decision was reached to release the funds in the form of a donation to the California Rifle & Pistol Association Foundation in the amount of \$5,530.

This little club disbanded with one last bang, one last battle, one last stand, much like the firearms they collected and is now a part of history, to be admired and remembered.

We thank you, San Fernando Valley Historical Arms Association Members, for your commitment to the preservation of history and for your generosity towards the preservation of freedom. You are the little gun club that could.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Legislative session ended on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Your California Rifle & Pistol Association fought hard throughout the session by building on the successes and lessons of our previous legislative efforts. During my time with the organization, I saw the hard work Tom Pederson did to look at the long game of fighting Sacramento.



BY RICK TRAVIS
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Roy Griffith built upon that to expand the office and its capabilities during his tenure. That foundation is being further expanded to fight back for your rights. My point is that none of this has happened overnight, but is part of a long-term effort of working together with our members and volunteers to make a difference for all California gun owners and outdoors people.

This year saw more than 100 bills introduced at the beginning of the session and the majority not making it to the finish line. We held our first Capitol Day, bringing out teams of volunteers who met with a record number of legislators and their staff to put a face on our movement. Youth showed up and testified throughout the session on issues that negatively impacted them. Despite the best efforts of our opposition, our side fought back hard and made a difference.

2023 BILL UPDATE

ASSEMBLY SUPPORT

AB 724: FONG. FIREARMS: SAFETY CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This law requires anyone who purchases or receives a firearm to have a valid and unexpired certificate that proves they have passed an objective test to ensure appropriate safety. It also requires the Department of Justice to provide instructional and testing materials in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Dari, and Armenian.

7/10/23: Assy. - Concurrence

8/31/23: Held at Desk in Senate

AB 859: GALLAGHER. HUNTING: NAVIGABLE WATERS

POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill would make it illegal to hunt on private property without first getting written permission from the owner, their agent, or the person in charge of that property. This includes land that is cultivated or fenced off and land with signs forbidding either trespass or hunting. The restrictions on this law won't apply to non-navigable waters, and it doesn't take away people's rights to use navigable water for hunting, fishing, or other public purposes according to the California Constitution and other federal laws.

7/10/23: Sen. Second Reading

8/31/23: Heading to Governor's Desk

ASSEMBLY OPPOSE

AB 28: GABRIEL. FIREARMS: GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION TAX

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill is proposing an additional tax on the purchase of firearms, firearm precursors, and ammunition in the state of California. This new tax, called the Gun Violence Prevention Healing and Recovery Act, would start on July 1, 2024, and would require that the 11% of the gross receipts from the purchase of these products is collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. This money would be used to fund various programs for gun violence prevention, research, and response. The bill is proposing a change in state statute, so it would need to be approved by two thirds of the members

of each house of the legislature for it to be passed. This new tax would also be applied to the Fee Collection Procedures Law, and the state would be responsible for paying reimbursements to local agencies and schools for the costs that this bill mandates.

Bill Analysis: This former Assemblyman Levine's failed AB 1227 in 2022, AB 1223 in 2021, and AB 18 in 2019. This bill is a tax and requires a two-thirds vote. You cannot legally tax a constitutional right. Firearms ownership is a constitutional right whereas driving a car is a privilege.
8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

AB 97: RODRIGUEZ. FIREARMS: UNSERIALIZED FIREARMS. GUT & AMEND TO A GUN STUDY BILL

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill would increase the punishment for possessing a firearm without a valid federal or state serial number or with an altered, removed, or obliterated serial number to a felony. It would also require the Department of Justice to collect and report data, including the number of arrests, related to unserialized firearms, and require the department to issue an annual report to the legislature with this data.

Bill Analysis: This bill is being used to collect firearms data for the legislature for future use in justifying the passage of more anti-Second Amendment bills.
7/03/2023: Sen Appr. – Suspense

AB 262: HOLDEN. CHILDREN'S CAMPS: REGULATIONS

Formerly:

*AB 1737 – 2022 Session – Holden.
Children's Camps: Safety
SB 995 – 2020 Session – Portantino.
Recreational and Organizational
Camps. "Roxie Rules"*

*SB 217 – 2019 Session – Portantino.
Recreational and Organizational
Camps. "Roxie Rules"*

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to consult with a group of stakeholders to figure out how to make child daycare facilities and camps safer. The group will include

representatives from the Department of Public Health, parents, children's advocates, safety groups, and health departments. The Department must make a report to the legislature by June 2025 with recommendations on how to make camps safer, such as creating a definition, supervision requirements, and what government agency should be in charge of regulation. The report must also include cost estimates for implementing the recommendations.

Bill Analysis: This bill is setting up a new state-mandated group to approve/disapprove youth camps based on a stakeholder group with little to no real-world experience in the operation, maintenance, or training surrounding a youth shooting range. This appears to be another attempt by the legislature to prevent youth from participating in firearms activities in California.
8/14/23: – Sen Appr.

AB 301: BAUER-KAHAN. GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS: BODY ARMOR

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill would authorize a court to consider evidence of the acquisition of body armor when determining whether grounds for a gun violence restraining order exist. It would also make it a misdemeanor to purchase or take possession of body armor and make it a felony if you have been convicted of a violent felony. There would be specific professions that would be exempt from this restriction.

Bill Analysis: This bill, as amended, is now focused on body armor acquisition in considering a gun violence restraining order (GVRO.)

**7/10/2023: Sen. – Third Reading
8/31/23: Heading to Governor's Desk
and Will Be Signed**

AB 574: JONES-SAWYER. FIREARMS. DEALERS RECORD OF SALE

POSITION: OPPOSE

This law requires anyone who wants to buy, sell, or transfer a firearm to go through a licensed firearm dealer. The dealer must keep a record of each transaction, which includes information about the buyer, the firearm, and answers

to certain questions about the buyer's eligibility to own a firearm. This new bill would also require buyers or transferees to acknowledge that they have possession of any other firearms they own or possess within the past 30 days.

Bill Analysis: This bill is yet another attempt by one of the most anti-2A legislators to gather more information. It should be noted he is in a Ph.D. program at USC on gun violence.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

AB 725: LOWENTHAL. FIREARMS: REPORTING OF LOST AND STOLEN FIREARMS

POSITION: OPPOSE

Current law requires you to report any lost or stolen firearm to a law enforcement agency and if you do not, you can be punished. The law also requires the law enforcement agency receiving such reports to enter them into the Department of Justice Automated Firearms System. This new bill would expand what a "firearm" is for these purposes and make it a crime if you don't report a lost or stolen firearm. This bill would also make the state responsible for paying law enforcement agencies for the duties they have to perform; however, this money will be paid depending on what the Commission on State Mandates determines.

Bill Analysis: This bill already exists in law and expands beyond reporting lost or stolen firearms to a law enforcement agency to include precursor parts.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

AB 1089 GIPSON. FIREARMS

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill would amend existing firearms laws in order to regulate three-dimensional printers and CNC milling machines. Any person using either of these machines to manufacture a firearm would be required to be state-licensed and prohibited from selling, purchasing, or possessing either machine if it has the sole or primary function of manufacturing firearms. Additionally, this bill would require firearms companies to take reasonable precautions to ensure that firearms are not sold to

retailers or distributors who don't follow laws pertaining to unfair methods of competition and false advertising and would make it illegal to manufacture or market firearms that are abnormally dangerous. Finally, the bill would impose liability and civil penalties of up to \$25,000 on people who distribute code or digital instructions to manufacture a firearm, and no reimbursement is required by this act.

Bill Analysis: Another run at making 3D printing of any firearm component illegal.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

**AB 1133: SCHIAVO: FIREARMS:
CONCEALED CARRY LICENSES**

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill would make changes to how concealed firearm licenses are issued in California. The Department of Justice would be required to develop standardized curricula, testing, and ethical and professional standards for a license to carry a concealed firearm. The Department could charge a fee for taking the standardized test, which would go towards maintaining the web portal for the test. Certified instructors would have to provide a sworn statement that the applicant has successfully met the curriculum requirements and making false statements would be punishable by an infraction. Local agencies and school

districts would not have to be reimbursed for certain costs mandated by the state, while reimbursement may be provided for other costs mandated by the state if determined by the Commission on State Mandates.

Bill Analysis: Bill sets new standards for training, increases fees, increases scrutiny of CCW instructors, and possible infractions that will be run through the Department of Justice.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

**AB 1406: MCCARTY. FIREARMS.
WAITING PERIOD**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Currently, a licensed dealer must process every sale or transfer of a firearm. They need to collect information about the purchaser and pass it on to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice then checks if the person is allowed to possess a firearm and the dealer is unable to deliver the firearm to the purchaser for 10 days. This new bill will allow the Department of Justice to delay the delivery for up to 30 days if additional research is needed or if there is an emergency that prevents them from reviewing records to determine eligibility.

Bill Analysis: Allows for 30-day delays for any emergency as defined in Section 8558 of the government code which includes air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism,

sudden and severe energy shortage, de-energization event, electromagnetic pulse attack, plant or animal infestation or disease, the governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions...

6/20/2023: Sen Appr. – Suspense

AB 1420: BERMAN. FIREARMS

POSITION: OPPOSE

Currently, licenses to sell, lease, or transfer firearms are subject to forfeiture if the license holder violates regulations on the transfer of firearms. The Department of Justice is allowed to conduct inspections of firearm dealers and give fines up to \$1,000. This bill would allow the department to inspect and fine license holders for violations of laws regarding secondhand firearm sales and other applicable state laws. It would also require the department to keep track of the number of firearm dealers that violated any laws with knowledge or gross negligence and require records of electronic transfers to include the purchaser's email address starting September 2025.

Bill Analysis: This bill is against FFLs and greatly expands the CA DOJ's ability to fine them. FFLs are already held accountable for mistakes in the status quo.

6/27/2023: Sen. Appr.



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AB 1483: VALENCIA. FIREARMS**POSITION: OPPOSE**

Starting on January 1, 2024, it will be illegal to purchase more than one handgun in any 30-day period. The exception in the law that allowed private party transactions is going to be removed, but an exception will be added for people who are required by law or court order to give up their guns, and for people who are transferring the guns for an estate settlement or a will. This bill means that anyone who breaks the law will be punished. It will also require the state to pay local governments for the cost of punishing people, although this bill says that there will be no reimbursement.

Bill Analysis: Removes the private party transfer exemption under current law in regard to one firearm in 30 days. NOTE: Amendments have exempted estates. We are continuing the amendment phase in the Senate.

6/26/2023: Sen. Appr. Suspense

**AB 1587: TING. FINANCIAL
TRANSACTIONS: FIREARMS
MERCHANTS: MERCHANT CATEGORY
CODE**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: The author is seeking to empower credit card companies to refuse to do business with any business that sells firearms, ammunition, and other items used in shooting sports, self-defense, and hunting. Sen. Min, who is the co-author of the bill, is seeking to use financial legislation as a tool to crush the firearms community and this is yet another example.

7/11/2023: Sen. Judiciary

8/31/23: Heading to Governor's Desk

**AB 1598: BERMAN. GUN VIOLENCE:
FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Existing law in California requires people to have a valid firearm safety certificate to purchase, transfer, or loan a gun. The law also sets a fee for issuing the certificate and outlines what areas of knowledge the person must be familiar with, including safe handling and storage of firearms. This bill would update the items on the test to include

the reasons for and risks of owning a firearm and bringing a firearm into the home. Additionally, it would require the Department of Justice to prepare a study guide to assist applicants in their preparation for the test. The bill would also require licensed firearms dealers to provide purchasers, transferees, and people being loaned firearms a pamphlet about the reasons for and risks of owning a firearm. The purpose of this bill is to protect citizens from gun violence and to make sure the citizens are aware of the risks associated with owning a firearm.

Bill Analysis: This bill is further politicizing the firearms debate. DOJ would have to create a new pamphlet on the risks of owning a firearm in the home and require dealers to buy them. Note: amended to no longer require the FFL to purchase.

7/10/2023: Third Reading

ASSEMBLY WATCH

**AB 92: CONNOLLY. BODY ARMOR:
PROHIBITION**

POSITION: WATCH

Existing law makes it a felony for a person convicted of a violent felony to purchase, own, or possess body armor. This bill would make it a misdemeanor instead and would require sellers of body armor to verify that a buyer is employed in one of several specified professions. Additionally, the bill would not require the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for any costs incurred in implementing it.

Bill Analysis: Amended to only prohibit those who are prohibited from owning firearms.

7/03/23: Sen. Appr. Suspense

8/31/23: Will Pass

**AB 303: DAVIES: FIREARMS:
PROHIBITED PERSONS**

POSITION: WATCH

The attorney general is currently required to maintain an online database called the Prohibited Armed Persons File that is used to identify people who are legally prohibited from possessing firearms. This bill would require the

A.G. to provide local law enforcement agencies with additional information and investigative materials related to these persons and would also require each agency to designate one employee to receive this information. This bill would also require the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for any costs associated with this mandate.

Bill Analysis: Armed And Prohibited Persons System (APPS) bill.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

**8/31/23: Waiting for Governor's
Signature**

**AB 455: QUIRK-SILVA: FIREARMS:
PROHIBITED PERSONS**

POSITION: WATCH

This bill would make it illegal for someone who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor domestic violence, been taken into custody because they are a danger to themselves or others or been placed under conservatorship due to a mental disorder to own or possess a firearm. It would also allow courts to deny gun ownership or possession to someone who is in pretrial diversion, or who has a mental disorder until they successfully complete the diversion program. If found guilty, they will face a crime punishment. This bill would require the state to reimburse the costs of the local agencies and school districts.

Bill Analysis: This bill will be watched very carefully as there is the issue of the mentally ill having access to a firearm and the danger of denying a person their rights without a conviction that would prohibit the exercise of their rights.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

8/31/23: Will Pass

**AB 732: FONG. CRIMES:
RELINQUISHMENT OF FIREARMS**

POSITION: WATCH

The Safety for All Act of 2016 (Proposition 63) prohibits felons and persons convicted of certain misdemeanors from owning, purchasing, receiving, or possessing a firearm for a certain period. The bill would amend Proposition 63 and further require defendants not in custody to relinquish firearms within 48 hours and

those in custody to relinquish them within 14 days. The bill would also require courts to go through a procedure to verify the defendant complied with the requirement. Furthermore, local law enforcement must receive a monthly report of individuals listed in the Prohibited Armed Persons File from the Department of Justice and take steps to verify if they are still in possession of the registered firearm. Lastly, if the bill requires costs to local agencies, the state must reimburse them according to established procedures.

Bill Analysis: This bill calls for many changes when surrendering firearms.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

AB 733: FONG. FIREARMS: SALE BY A GOVERNMENT ENTITY

POSITION: WATCH

This bill would prohibit any state or local government agency from selling any weapons, ammunition, or body armor. Additionally, the bill would require any firearms seized, surrendered, abandoned, or unclaimed to be destroyed rather than sold at a public auction. Finally, the bill includes findings that the changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair, meaning that cities with their own charters would also be affected by these new regulations.

Bill Analysis: This bill requires government entities to destroy and does not allow the sale of firearms by same. Amended as a technical clean-up of existing law.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

AB 818: PETRIE-NORRIS: FIREARMS: ARMED PROHIBITED PERSONS FILE

Position: Watch

This bill expands the existing state law surrounding temporary restraining orders or emergency protective orders with respect to domestic violence and elder abuse. It requires service of the order at the request of the petitioner and authorizes it to be served by a law enforcement officer. Additionally, it prohibits a fee from being charged for service of those orders and requires certain peace officers to take into temporary custody any firearm or deadly weapon

at the scene of a domestic violence incident. Furthermore, this will require law enforcement to enter or cause to be entered a firearm into the Automated Firearms System (AFS) if it is obtained at the scene of a domestic violence incident or during service of specified orders. Finally, if costs arise due to this bill, the state will reimburse local agencies and school districts accordingly.

Bill Analysis: The Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) cross-references individuals who own or possess firearms and may be prohibited to do so. This bill states that when a temporary or emergency restraining order is issued regarding domestic violence or elder abuse, law enforcement is required to confiscate the subject's firearms and ammunition.

8/14/23: Sen. Appr.

AB 1310: MCKINNOR. SENTENCING: RECALL AND RESENTENCING

POSITION: WATCH

Under existing law, if someone uses a firearm during a felony, they can have an extra prison sentence ranging from 3 to 10 years, or possibly 20 or 25 years to life. Until 2018, courts could not get rid of these enhancements, but starting in 2022, they can if it's in the furtherance of justice. This bill allows those with convictions before 2018 to petition for resentencing and gives the courts the right to scrap the enhancements in the interest of justice unless specified otherwise. It also provides that the state has to reimburse local governments for any mandated costs.

Bill Analysis: This is an awkward bill in that it permits someone who has been penalized in a crime to petition for a reduced sentence.

7/11/2023: Sen. Appr.

SENATE OPPOSE

SB 2: PORTANTINO. FIREARMS. SB 918 – 2022 SESSION – PORTANTINO. FIREARMS

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill would require licensing authorities to issue concealed firearm licenses to applicants over the age of 21

without checking their good character or cause. In order to be eligible to apply applicants must provide their driver's license or identification number, fingerprints, and must not be considered a disqualified person. In addition, applicants must complete a 16-hour training course on firearm safety, legal use of firearms, safe storage and legal transportation of firearms. The bill also outlines criteria for when licenses must be revoked or denied and establishes additional restrictions for when a person may carry a firearm. The bill also states that local agencies should not require additional fees for the application or require that people have liability insurance.

Bill Analysis: This bill demonstrates the intent of the legislature to enact legislation showing clear intent they are not accepting multiple failed attempts of passage of this law across the country. This bill does not carry any urgency clause thus lowering the threshold for passage. It is clearly designed to severely limit, or completely refuse to adhere to the SCOTUS decision in NYSRPA v. Bruen as it pertains to the Second Amendment and the use of a concealed carry weapon (CCW) permit in California.

6/28/2023: – Assy. Appr.

SB 241: MIN. FIREARMS: DEALER REQUIREMENTS

POSITION: OPPOSE

This bill would require firearms dealers, and their employees, to receive annual training in order to remain licensed. The training must be certified by the Department of Justice and will include testing. The Department of Justice can create regulations to make sure the bill's provisions are followed. This bill would provide for stricter oversight of firearms dealers and their employees to ensure compliance with state law.

Bill Analysis: This bill increases the workload of an already overloaded DOJ and creates more paperwork for dealers while doing nothing constructive. Note: Amended and the amendment process is ongoing.

6/28/2023: – Assy. Appr.

SB 368: PORTANTINO. FIREARMS: REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED DEALERS

Position: Oppose – recommendation

This bill would require licensed firearms

dealers to accept firearms from individuals for storage to keep them from being used in an attempt at suicide and would allow dealers to accept firearms for other purposes not mentioned in the law. It would also make any violation of the laws involving the transfer of firearms a crime. In addition, the bill would prohibit firearm dealers from participating in gambling activities and would provide an evaluation process for defendants convicted of misdemeanors regarding their possession of firearms. Lastly, it would also state that no reimbursement is required by this bill.

Bill Analysis: This bill makes it difficult for all parties dealing with a situation such as suicide, the state should allow the system as it is to take care of the situation.
6/27/2023: – Assy. Appr. – Suspense

**SB 452: BLAKESPEAR. FIREARMS
POSITION: OPPOSE**

Existing law in California makes it illegal to manufacture or sell unsafe handguns. The Department of Justice creates a roster of handguns that have been tested and determined to be safe. This law establishes criteria for determining what is an unsafe

handgun. This bill would remove some criteria and create new ones for handguns made after a certain date. It would create a system for testing handguns to ensure that they are “microstamping-enabled,” meaning that they leave a unique imprint when they are fired. This bill would create new crimes and require the Department of Justice to provide guidance on testing and training. It would also set up a system for reimbursing local agencies for the costs associated with this program.

Bill Analysis: This bill is another attempt at implementing a clearly known, failed technology. The inventor has stated the technology will not work, the courts have held it unconstitutional and, if passed, will price those in economically disadvantaged communities from being able to exercise their Second Amendment rights.
6/28/2023: – Assy. Appr.

SENATE WATCH

**SB 758: UMBERG. FIREARMS
POSITION: WATCH**

Existing laws require the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to maintain certain plant quarantine inspection stations near the California border, where signs must be posted saying people may be restricted by the federal Gun Control Act of 1968 from bringing firearms into the state acquired outside of it. This bill would add that California law may also restrict the movement of firearms acquired outside the state. The bill would also require dealers to adhere to specific rules to prevent firearms from being illegally transferred and make it a crime to acquire a firearm with the intent to transfer it to a minor or evade regulations. It also elevates punishments for illegally transferring firearms, such as centerfire semiautomatic rifles, to a felony. Lastly, the bill states that local agencies and school districts will not be reimbursed by the state for any associated costs with the law.

Bill Analysis: This seeks to require signage that California law may prohibit bringing into the state a firearm that was acquired outside of the state.
**6/27/2023: – Assy. Public Safety –
Cancelled by Author** **CRPA**

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LITIGATION REPORT

SECOND AMENDMENT LITIGATION REPORT

This report provides an overview of just some of the efforts being taken to protect the rights of California gun owners. Although litigation plays an extremely important role in the fight for the right to keep and bear arms, there are many other tremendous and equally important endeavors throughout California and across the nation.

Protecting the Second Amendment requires an enormous amount of resources and involvement in all levels of California's government, including all 58 counties, all 482 municipalities, and all state and local agencies tasked with enforcing the myriad of complex and ever-expanding gun laws.

The digital version of this report, complete with links to relevant documents and additional information, can be found on CRPA's web page at www.crpa.org

CALIFORNIA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Boland v. Bonta	<i>Does California's Unsafe Handgun Act (the Roster) violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California	The court granted plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on March 20, 2023.	Appellate briefs have been filed, and the 9th Circuit oral arguments are in August.
Rhode v. Becerra	<i>Does California's law requiring background checks for ammunition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	At a hearing on July 17, 2023, Judge Benitez ordered the State to submit its expert reports, and also requested various filings from both parties.	Judge Benitez will likely rule sometime in the late summer or early fall.
Rupp v. Becerra	<i>Does California's Assault Weapons prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California	The 9th Circuit remanded the case for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The parties have completed competing motions for summary judgment, with a hearing set for late July.
Duncan v. Becerra	<i>Does California's prohibition on large-capacity magazines violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	After the Supreme Court granted, vacated, and remanded, Judge Benitez ordered rounds of supplemental briefing.	All supplemental briefing is submitted as of March 2023. Judge Benitez will likely rule in the spring or summertime.

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
California Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of Glendale	<i>Does a Glendale ordinance that bans all firearm possession on numerous city-owned areas violate Bruen?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California	Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction. The court denied it without prejudice and ordered the parties to confer and develop specificity over which areas under the ordinance are at issue.	The matter will likely be settled, with the parties having reached an agreement in principle that awaits approval by the City Council.
South Bay Rod & Gun Club v. Bonta	<i>Does SB 1327's attorney fee penalty for unsuccessful Second Amendment litigations violate numerous fundamental principles of constitutional law?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	Judge Benitez entered an order enjoining enforcement of the laws the plaintiffs challenged in Dec. 2022.	Because there was no appeal, the case is now closed, and the law cannot be enforced. California agreed to pay all the Plaintiffs' legal fees, which totaled hundreds of thousands of dollars.
Linton v. Bonta	<i>Does California's firearm rights restoration regime violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Northern District of California	The case is being litigated in the district court under the new <i>Bruen</i> standard. Plaintiffs have moved for summary judgment.	The court is evaluating the motion for summary judgment and will likely rule sometime in the summer/fall.
Chavez v. Bonta (formerly Jones v. Bonta)	<i>Does California's under-21 firearm prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	On September 7, 2022, the 9th Circuit remanded the case to district court. Plaintiffs moved for preliminary injunction, or alternatively, summary judgment in Jan. 2023.	The court will evaluate the motion under the new <i>Bruen</i> standard and likely rule sometime in the summer/fall.
Miller v. Bonta	<i>Does California's assault weapons prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	Judge Benitez is reviewing the parties' supplemental briefing on <i>Bruen's</i> impact on the case.	Judge Benitez will likely rule sometime in the summer or fall.
Renna v. Bonta	<i>Does California's Unsafe Handgun Act (the Roster) violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	Plaintiffs have moved to preliminarily enjoin the entire UHA, and alternatively moved for summary judgment. The court granted plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on March 31, 2023.	Appellate briefs have been filed, and the 9th Circuit oral arguments are in August.

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Barba v. Bonta	<i>Does California's Unsafe Handgun Act (the Roster) violate the Second Amendment?</i>	California Court of Appeal, 4th District	The plaintiffs partially won their motion for preliminary injunction in the state trial court and the state appealed.	Briefing is underway and oral argument will likely happen later this summer.
Doe v. Bonta	<i>Does a California law that allows firearm purchaser information to be disclosed to third parties violate privacy laws and the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California 9th Circuit	Plaintiffs lost in the trial court but have appealed to the 9th Circuit	Appeal is underway.
Junior Sports Magazines v. Bonta	<i>Does California's new law prohibiting the marketing of firearms products to youth violate various constitutional principles, including the 1st Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California 9th Circuit	Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their motion for summary judgment to the 9th Circuit.	9th Circuit oral arguments occurred in June, now the parties await a ruling.
Wallingford v. Bonta	<i>Is California law's allowance that a restraining order based on "harassment", without any finding that the person subject to that order has engaged in any act of violence or even made a threat of such against the restraining order applicant, constitutional?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California 9th Circuit	Plaintiffs appealed the court's grant of the State's motion to dismiss.	Awaiting a 9th Circuit ruling since last summer.
B&L Productions v. Newsom	<i>Does the ban on gun shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California 9th Circuit	Plaintiffs appealed but have moved to stay the appeal pending the result of a similar case in the Central District.	Appeal pending.

HAWAII CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Wolford v. Lopez	<i>Does Hawaii's post-Bruen permit issuance program violate Bruen, particularly by making nearly everywhere in the state a "sensitive place" where carry is forbidden?</i>	United States District Court District of Hawaii	Motion for Preliminary Injunction filed.	Awaiting ruling on preliminary injunction, after which appeals are likely to commence regardless of who prevails.

WASHINGTON CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Mitchell v. Atkins	<i>Does Washington's under-21 firearm ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Western District of Washington	The 9th Circuit vacated and remanded to the district court in Dec. 2022. The court ordered a five-day bench trial for Mar. 2023.	The case will be tried under the <i>Bruen</i> standard and likely appealed to the 9th Circuit.
Hartford v. Ferguson	<i>Does Washington State's assault weapons ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Western District of Washington	Plaintiffs filed their complaint in April 2023. Judge denied preliminary injunction.	Appeal Pending.

NEW YORK CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Antonyuk v. Hochul (a number of similar cases also filed and being heard jointly on appeal)	<i>Does New York State's post-Bruen permit issuance program violate Bruen?</i>	United States District Court Northern District of New York	The Judge ruled mostly in plaintiffs' favor. The case is now on appeal.	The 2nd Circuit heard oral arguments and a ruling is expected in the coming months. If the district court ruling is reversed, Supreme Court review is likely because Justices Alito and Thomas already indicated interest in this case.

NEW JERSEY CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Koons v. Platkin	<i>Does New Jersey's post-Bruen permit issuance program violate Bruen, particularly by making nearly everywhere in the state a "sensitive place" where carry is forbidden?</i>	United States District Court District of New Jersey	The Judge ruled mostly in plaintiffs' favor. The case is now on appeal.	Appeal pending.
Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs v. Grewal	<i>Does New Jersey's ban on large capacity magazines violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of New Jersey	Remanded for further proceedings due to <i>Bruen</i> .	The lower will court will apply <i>Bruen</i> to the issue.

MARYLAND CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Bianchi v. Frosh	<i>Does Maryland's assault weapons ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	4th Circuit Court of Appeal	Oral argument was in Dec. 2022.	The court will rule sometime later this year.
Maryland Shall Issue v. Montgomery County	<i>Does Montgomery County's post-Bruen permit issuance program violate Bruen, particularly by making nearly everywhere in the State a "sensitive place" where carry is forbidden?</i>	United States District Court District of Maryland	Court denied motion for preliminary injunction.	Appeal pending.

TEXAS CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
United States v. Rahimi	<i>Whether the federal firearms prohibition that applies to an individual subject to a domestic violence restraining order is constitutional.</i>	United States District Court Northern District of Texas 5th Circuit Court of Appeal	Plaintiffs won in the trial court and the appeals court, and the case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.	The Supreme Court has granted review and will take up the case in its next term.
Garland v. Cargill	<i>Did the ATF have the authority to label a bump stock a machine gun?</i>	United States District Court Western District of Texas 5th Circuit United States Supreme Court	Petition for certiorari is pending in the United States Supreme Court	The Supreme Court is considering whether to review the case.
Mock v. Garland	<i>Federal lawsuit challenging the ATF's pistol brace rule.</i>	United States District Court Northern District of Texas 5th Circuit	Plaintiffs prevailed at the district court level, now pending before the fifth circuit.	Oral arguments occurred on June 29, 2023. Appeal pending.
VanDerStok v. Garland	<i>Federal lawsuit challenging the ATF's "frame or receiver" rule.</i>	United States District Court Northern District of Texas 5th Circuit	Plaintiffs prevailed at the district court level, now pending before the fifth circuit.	Oral arguments occurred on June 29, 2023. Appeal pending.
United States v. Connelly	<i>Is the federal law that prohibits marijuana users from having firearms constitutional?</i>	United States District Court Western District of Texas 5th Circuit Court of Appeal	The trial court struck down the law and the plaintiffs have appealed to the 5th Circuit.	The appeal is underway in the 5th Circuit.

RHODE ISLAND CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
<i>Ocean State Tactical v. Rhode Island</i>	<i>Does Rhode Island's large capacity magazine prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of Rhode Island 1st Circuit Court of Appeal	Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their preliminary injunction motion in Dec. 2022.	The appeal is underway in the 1st Circuit.

PENNSYLVANIA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
<i>Range v. Garland</i>	<i>Does a nonviolent misdemeanor offense from over two decades ago mean someone can permanently lose 2nd Amendment rights?</i>	United States District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania	The 3rd Circuit, sitting en banc, ruled in plaintiff's favor and explained that "despite his false statement conviction, he remains among "the people" protected by the 2nd Amendment."	Unclear if federal government will appeal to the Supreme Court.

OREGON CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
<i>Oregon Firearms Federation, Inc. v. Brown (and related cases)</i>	<i>Does Oregon's large capacity magazine prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of Oregon 9th Circuit Court of Appeal	Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their preliminary injunction motion in Dec. 2022.	Appeal pending.

WEST VIRGINIA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
<i>United States v. Price</i>	<i>Is the federal law that requires serialization of firearms constitutional?</i>	United States District Court District of West Virginia 4th Circuit Court of Appeals	The trial court struck down the law and the plaintiffs have appealed to the 4th Circuit.	The appeal is underway in the 4th Circuit.

OKLAHOMA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
United States v. Harrison	<i>Is the federal law that prohibits marijuana users from having firearms constitutional?</i>	United States District Court District of Oklahoma 10th Circuit Court of Appeal	The trial court struck down the law and the plaintiffs have appealed to the 10th Circuit.	The appeal is underway in the 10th Circuit.

ILLINOIS CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois v. Jay Robert Pritzker (consolidated with Barnett v. Raoul and a number of other cases dealing with state and local assault weapon bans in Illinois)	<i>Is Illinois' assault weapons ban constitutional under Bruen?</i>	United States District Court District of Illinois	The court granted plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on April 28, 2023.	The case is on appeal to the 7th Circuit court of appeal.

DELAWARE CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, et al. v. Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, et al.	<i>Does Delaware's assault weapons ban violate the Second Amendment?</i> <i>Does Delaware's large capacity magazine ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of Delaware	In late March 2023, the district court denied plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction. Plaintiffs appealed to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.	The action in the district court is stayed pending resolution of the appeal to the Third Circuit.

LOCAL ADVOCACY

CRPA'S LEGAL CHALLENGE TO NEW LAWS BANNING THE PROMOTION OF YOUTH SHOOTING AND HUNTING TAKE MANY TURNS, BUT THE END IS NOT YET IN SIGHT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

The twisty path of implementation of AB 2571 is one that many members, parents, student athletes, college recruiters, ranges, teams, and Second Amendment organizations have been keeping a close eye on since July of this year.

AB 2571 is a new law, signed under an emergency order by the governor, that initially brought all youth shooting, training, and hunting programs to a screeching halt earlier this summer.

The first version of the law made it illegal for any member of the “firearms industry” to advertise and market any communications about firearms or firearm related products to anyone under the age of 18 years of age in California. This sent youth marksman-

ship programs into a tailspin. Youth magazines shut down publication to minor shooting programs in California. Colleges stopped recruiting our talented youth shooters for college teams, donations from ammunition and firearm manufactures supporting youth programs stopped, and all firearm-related events that might involve youth stopped.

If Gavin Newsom wanted to make an impact on the next generation of young 2A supporters, he did — but he also showed all these groups how to fight for the sports they love and the juniors who participate in them.

Since the passage of AB 2571 CRPA has publicized how this law causes great problems for groups promoting shooting sports to youth in California. This is why CRPA sued California (Junior Sports Magazine v. Bonta) to try to put an end to it.

Once the politicians saw the lawsuit, the Governor’s office started working to divide the 2A community by agreeing to some amendments to the law that would help some, but not all, programs. Although the amended law was helpful, it did not make the law clear, and it did not eliminate all the risk of being sued for lawfully speaking with youth about firearms and related products. The amended law has led some groups, board, and individuals

to believe they are free to engage with youth in the same ways they could before AB 2571.

This is not the reality.

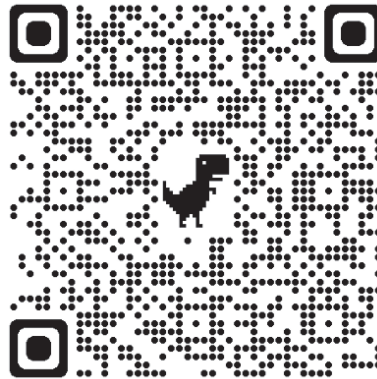
Looking to the intent of AB 2571, it is clear from the legislative language that youth shooting sports was the intended target and the politicians behind it wanted to end the First Amendment right of speaking to youth about firearms and the Second Amendment. It was only when CRPA filed suit that the state back peddled their position and then tried to make it seem like the impact on youth shooting sports and hunting was accidental.

In reality, the amendments to the law create some exemptions that merely allow some groups to advertise their events and welcome youth members. But the revised law does not protect the speech that occurs at those events from sponsors and others in the firearm industry.

If you are a firearm manufacturer, range facility, an instructor, or a coach you must still be cautious not to “market” any firearms or related products to youth (think of any range you have visited in the past and consider all the banners and signs advertising various manufacturers, or the youth shooting jerseys with sponsor logos across the back). All promoters and event producers as well as ranges where events are held need to be careful and consider whether signs, flyers, brochures, booths, uniforms, logos, or products sold can be considered as marketing that would be “attractive to a minor” that would “encourage a commercial transaction.”

No matter what assurances were made by Newsom’s office staff in backroom meetings, it is what the law still actually says that matters. When pressed in a hearing on CRPA’s injunction request, the government’s lawyers refused to concede that a disclaimer posted in publications or locations

We have also had people ask about donating specifically to this case. You can do that by visiting <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/californiariflepistol/campaign.jsp?campaign=192&> or using the following QR code:



would limit liability for anyone.

Groups cannot rely on statements from Newsom’s staffers that the law will not be used against groups and individuals—even if they were not the “intended target”—because Newsom has no control over who can bring a lawsuit against someone. The law still gives private groups and individuals who want to eliminate the “gun culture” the right to sue in a civil action even without government involvement. Newsom has no power to bind any local prosecuting authority (like cities hostile to the Second Amendment) or “private persons” that could come from the folds of anti-gun groups.

This prosecution and private right of action did not change in the newly amended language of the law. We expect the gun ban lobby will recruit and train volunteers to monitor and bring legal actions against what they believe to be violations as they read the actual language of the law. And greedy plaintiff lawyers will make this a cottage industry to sue groups that

promote shooting programs for youth, just as they do with suing over Prop 65 failure to warn and American with Disabilities Act alleged violations. Gun retailers already battle against these kinds of lawsuits from lawyers looking to cash in. Now many in the 2A community are at risk.

CRPA wants youth shooting sports and hunting to continue for generations to come, which is why we continue to fight this in the courts. CRPA and SAF have challenged this law in federal court. The district court refused to acknowledge the current and ongoing harms being caused by the law and refused to grant a preliminary injunction which would have maintained the status quo and allowed firearm industry members lawfully to communicate about their products. On appeal in oral arguments in June, the Ninth Circuit questioned the state on the comments in the legislative record which clearly show the intent of the law is to dampen the demand of lawful products. The state attorney refused to acknowledge this in court even though it is part of the official record. We are now hopeful that the Ninth Circuit panel will grant the preliminary injunction that will remove the chilling impact of this law on lawful speech while the case continues to move forward.

Sign up for email updates at CRPA.org and follow CRPA on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube for all the latest news on this and other similar cases being challenged. **CRPA**

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LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

The **Local Advocacy Project** actively monitors all of California's 58 counties and 482 municipalities to support or oppose any proposed ordinance, law, or policy likely to impact Second Amendment rights. Local efforts include developing and working with a network of professionals, citizens, local government officials and law enforcement professionals to effectively oppose local threats to California gun owners. These efforts also serve as the foundation for litigation efforts against municipalities that enact anti-gun-owner legislation.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS	In 2022 the state legislature passed a law that relates to all gun shows and bans the sale of firearms, ammunition, and "ghost guns" on all state property. This essentially ended gun shows across the state.	CRPA and SAF joined together with other individual plaintiffs to first fight this in San Diego and Orange County and later added the state legislation to the ongoing litigation.	Two cases are currently running in the California Southern District and the California Central District. You can follow these cases here: https://michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-v-newsom-min-bill/ https://michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-v-newsom/
STATEWIDE PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS	CRPA regularly seeks and obtains public records in connection with any anti-gun efforts in California. Such efforts include proposed anti-gun ordinances, gun buyback programs and other anti-gun regulatory enforcement issues.	Responses to these requests often yield valuable results, such as which members of a local government entity are working with anti-gun groups, sources of funding and other important information.	Ongoing. CRPA attorneys monitor and review thousands of pages of public records requests each month. *Public Records Requests have been submitted for the DOJ leak of gun owner information. Due to an ongoing investigation and their attorneys holding all information until the investigation is complete, the DOJ is currently not responding.
CITY OF SAN JOSE	The Mayor for the City of San Jose wants to push mandatory insurance for all gun owners in the City as a way of paying for criminal violence that occurs in his city.	CRPA sent a letter previously on this same issue when the Mayor tried to make this a priority for the city in 2019. The Mayor has once again resurrected this issue and is trying to get mandatory insurance for gun owners or a mandatory fee to the City passed. The staff have been directed to come back with ordinance language in September. There is no new news on this issue as of the drafting of this alert.	CRPA has submitted public record requests and is preparing a lawsuit for filing should the city pass this ordinance. San Jose passed the ordinance even though there were 4 hours of testimony from the public against it. CRPA is preparing to sue as soon as the matter is ripe for the courts to consider. January 1, 2023 the City implemented the mandatory gun insurance provision of the ordinance. Stay tuned for more information on litigation. The Judge has upheld San Jose's Gun Insurance Ordinance in a non-CRPA case. We are waiting to see if those plaintiffs will appeal.
SHASTA COUNTY WIN!	CRPA and the local CRPA chapter members began attempts about two years ago to get a Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution passed.	The resolution was denied two years ago, and we were told that the resolution would NEVER happen. The CRPA Chapter members helped with a recall election to get the right people on the board and in July of this year, were able to garner support for the Resolution.	Shasta County now has recognized the Second Amendment, its ability to support laws in line with the Second Amendment, and that they will not use local resources to enforce unconstitutional laws. This is a HUGE WIN for our CRPA local chapter. It took dedication and commitment. We are so proud of our local groups for making a difference in their communities.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
CRPA COALITION WORK	The CRPA has been working with other groups across the state for years to influence and advance pro-2A work in the state. We believe in leveraging our combined strength to get things done.	Coalitions are built from other non-profit groups with similar missions coming together. We work with local chapter leaders, elected officials and legislative teams to push, support, and protect the Second Amendment.	Watch for joint letters from coalition groups to fight harmful legislation in the state and for work with other groups during this election cycle. To sign up for the Range Coalition, send an email to ranges@crpa.org . Want to host a state competition at your range in 2023? CRPA staff can help. Email Brian at bkerz@crpa.org
CCW ISSUANCE ISSUES	CRPA has had many members reach out with concerns that their local jurisdiction is not issuing CCW's	When the <i>Bruen</i> decision came down, CRPA immediately sent letters to all of the jurisdictions in California explaining what the law is under that new standard.	CRPA sent final notice letters to those jurisdictions that continue to refuse to issue CCWs and we are prepared to file legal actions should they not follow the law. More information at crpa.org/ccw-issues-in-california It looks like San Francisco is starting to issue CCW permits. Los Angeles County now has a new online system with Permitium. This should make the process quicker, but CRPA is monitoring. Alameda County is now starting to issue CCW licenses and is beginning to follow the ruling in <i>Bruen</i> thanks to pressure from CRPA attorneys. Los Angeles County is still dragging their feet in issuing and CRPA has sent a final demand letter.
GHOST GUN BANS	Gun Control groups are busy pushing to try to get local jurisdictions to pass restrictions on the possession, sale, transfer, or manufacturing of "ghost guns" including precursor parts.	San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco have all passed the same basic ordinance in the last few weeks. The problem with these ordinances is that they address areas of concern that are controlled by the state AND there is no clear definition of what a precursor part is at the moment- these cities just made every piece of metal illegal to own and created criminals out of citizens with lawful products overnight.	CRPA is currently fighting in the courts on this issue. Please follow CRPA news for more information. You can follow the CRPA case here: michellawyers.com/rupp-v-becerra/
DOJ ISSUES	It has come to our attention that there may be businesses and individuals that are having great difficulty getting their COE renewal from DOJ. We also are investigating the DOJ Data Leak of CCW personal information to the public that occurred in June 2022.	Not having a valid certificate of eligibility (COE) prevents firearms business owners from operating and completing purchases and individuals from receiving and handling ammunition for many programs. We are hearing reports that the DOJ is taking months to return approved COE applications.	If you are having trouble with your COE approval or renewal, please send us a message at contact@crpa.org so we can see if we can assist you. For more information on the DOJ Leak of personal and private information please visit crpa.org/ca-doj-dox-gate/
CALL FOR PLAINTIFFS	If you are a CRPA member, we need you!	When local ordinance issues do not go well, we have to fight for your rights in court. We need members just like you who are negatively affected by these unconstitutional laws to step up as named plaintiffs in the legal actions that may follow.	If you are interested in serving as a plaintiff in any of our upcoming litigation, please contact us at potentialplaintiffs@michellawyers.com . We need you now more than ever!



► From left, Kostadinov T. Moros, Sean Brady, Anna Barvir, Chuck Michel, and Kevin Small discuss important court cases in Pasadena, CA. (JACOB RAMIREZ)

CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT: CRPA'S GROWING PRESENCE ON ALTERNATIVE BROADCASTING CHANNELS

So, where do you get your news? The answer in the not-too-distant past could have been assumable but today... forget about it. It's hard to say that names like Walter Cronkite are too far behind us, but the major news networks have definitely experienced a decline, especially in the last decade. The 29 million viewers that Cronkite brought to CBS in the 70's today isn't even

matched by ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN combined. So where did the people go? No, the population hasn't declined, and no, people didn't stop consuming news, they just went to other platforms to get it. While it may be a minefield at times, people have turned to social media platforms to subscribe to individuals they trust to provide news as trust in the mainstream news channels has dropped below 8%.

These platforms however, work a

little differently than mainstream news do – it may take more effort on the users part at first to seek out reputable sources of news, and content creators these days seem to be focused more on singular topics. This method of searching for news and education on what's going on in the world around us has its positives and negatives, but the ultimate question for our purposes is whether or not there is a place for CRPA that fits this model. The



► **Kevin Small**, host of CRPA News and CRPA Advocacy and Outreach Director brings gun owners across the state news and updates. (JACOB RAMIREZ)

viewership seems to be offering an overwhelming answer of yes! CRPA's content and broadcasting efforts of late have been picking up traction. Audiences are growing, not just on Instagram and Facebook, but on radio and YouTube as well.

With the recent surge of litigation

and legislation driven as a consequence of the *Bruen* decision from the Supreme Court of the United States, there is no question that Californians and many other across the country are interested and searching for information to see just how this landmark case is affecting laws and the way we

are able to live our lives. There isn't a better place of getting this news other than from its source, and in this specific community and topic, CRPA is that source. We are able to provide updates on legislation because we are in the Capitol with the legislators. We are able to bring updates on these court cases because we are in the courtroom with the judges and attorneys. So, if you haven't found CRPA's message out there, please search for it. CRPA posts daily on platforms like Facebook and Instagram, but we are also live broadcasting weekly on Gun-slinger Radio and Firing Line Radio. We post at least one video a week on the CRPA TV YouTube channel, as well as appearing on other popular YouTube channels, such as Gun Guy TV. These all offer great outlooks on firearms legislation, litigation, and local community efforts to keep you as informed as possible while navigating firearms laws in California. **CRPA**

SEE ALL OF CRPA'S PROGRAMS [AT CRPA.ORG](https://www.crpa.org)

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PROGRAM

RANGES & RETAILERS
PROTECTION PROGRAMS

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SPOTLIGHT ON

SHASTA COUNTY GUN OWNERS: A CRPA CHAPTER

This section of CFL is usually dedicated to an individual volunteer.

In this edition, we have taken a different

direction. This is instead a dedication to the Shasta County CRPA chapter as they have worked for over two years to accomplish a historic and precedent-setting feat for CRPA programs and Californians as a whole.



BY
CHRISTINA
GASTELO
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR

On July 25th, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors passed a Second Amendment sanctuary resolution ensuring that Shasta County citizens will not suffer the continued erosion of their Second Amendment rights while also adding to the national debate around firearms regulations. The final vote was 4-0, with Supervisors Jones, Crye, Kelstrom and Garman all voting in favor.

This same resolution was brought to the Shasta County Board of Supervisors more than two years ago where it was originally rejected. Supervisors at that time swore that the resolution would never again be brought back for consideration.

Gun owners in Shasta County, however, continued to work relentlessly, backing a successful recall effort as well as supporting candidates for the board who would hold constitutional rights in high regard. These efforts changed the makeup of the board and the Gun Owners of Shasta County, a CRPA chapter, pushed to get the resolution re-introduced.

All of that came to fruition when the resolution was passed, stating clearly that not only does the board (who has the authority to direct law enforcement) support the Second Amend-



ment, but they will use legal means at their disposal to support and defend it. The resolution also prohibits all Shasta County departments, officers, and employees from spending public funds or using public resources to directly or indirectly support state or federal infringement of Second Amendment rights.

As one speaker supporting the resolution so eloquently put it, "With guns we are citizens, without them we are subjects." We could not agree more.

This is a huge victory and a large signal for gun owners throughout the state that the power of the people can still shape local government policy.

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VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

First Name	Middle Initial
Last Name	
Street Address	
City, County, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Date	

Check your areas of interest. This is not an exclusive list. You can always change your mind.

Join a CRPA Chapter

Visit Local Businesses to Promote Affiliate Program

Work on Political Campaigns or Elections

Assist with Youth/Women's Events / RSO

Assist with Training Events / RSO

Assist with Hunting Events

Be a CRPA Membership Recruiter

Liaison with Local Authorities and Council Members

Teach Firearm Safety and Proficiency

Promote CRPA/Pro-2A Messaging/PR Campaigns

Other:

THANK YOU!

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Attn: Volunteers Program

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Phone: (714) 992-2772 | Email: volunteer@crpa.org

VOLUNTEERS ARE CRPA'S MOST POWERFUL WEAPON!

CRPA is looking for men and women to join the fight for our rights as a CRPA volunteer or grassroots activist. You can feel good about being part of the solution, meet new friends, learn about guns and politics and get free CRPA swag! For more information, fill out and send in this volunteer form, on the left, email us at volunteer@crpa.org or call (714) 992-2772.

Because of CRPA's tremendous growth, and with the support of our members and like-minded organizations, CRPA is expanding its involvement in local campaigns and elections and sponsoring and participating in more events. CRPA has made a substantial investment in grassroots/volunteer coordinating, local election messaging technologies and added staff to manage volunteers and events.

CRPA Chapters and affiliated groups maintain their independence, but work with CRPA and get access to: (1) real-time legislative information from our legislative advocates in the Capital; (2) CRPA/NRA campaign finance and PAC lawyers; (3) CRPA/NRA firearms lawyers who answer questions, fight for local FFLs and ranges in your area, oppose local gun control ordinances and file lawsuits; and (4) regular communication among coalition partners and other local groups to learn from each other and build a stronger network of activists. CRPA needs volunteers to work as Chapter Leaders; Government Liaisons (i.e., candidate development and local issues and ordinances coverage); Retail/Ranges Liaisons; Volunteers and Events Liaisons; and CCW Liaisons, among other things.

CRPA invites individuals as well as local 2A groups, clubs, ranges and FFLs to be a part of the effort in your county. Join us! Volunteer for CRPA!



EVENTS & TRAINING

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sept 9-10

CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS: TURLOCK GUN SHOW

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
Stanislaus, CA

Sept 16-17

AZ GUN RADIO: SAN JOSE GUN SHOW

American Legion
Santa Clara, CA

LOCATION KEY

- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
- CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- OUT OF STATE

Sept 23-24

AZ GUN RADIO: FRESNO GUN SHOW

Fresno Elks Lodge #439
Fresno, CA

September 30-October 1

CROSSROADS OF THE WEST: ONTARIO GUN SHOW

Orange Convention Center
Ontario, CA

September 30

SOCAL SHOOT PRESENTS SUMMER SEND OFF 2023

Burro Canyon Shooting Park
Azusa, CA

OCTOBER

Oct 7-8

CODE OF THE WEST: VALLEJO GUN SHOW

Solano County Fairgrounds
Vallejo, CA

Oct 7-8

ROUTE 66 RANGE EXPO

Route 66 Shooting Sports Park
San Bernardino, CA Oct 7-8

Oct 8

GUNSLINGERS AUCTION

Santa Ana Elks Lodge
Santa Ana, CA

Oct 14

AFAB 2ND ANNUAL CARS AND COFFEE OPEN HOUSE

AFAB Firearms
Fullerton, CA

Oct 14-15

CROSSROADS BAKERSFIELD GUN SHOW

Bakersfield, CA

LOCATION KEY

- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
- CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- OUT OF STATE

Oct 14-15

CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS: SACRAMENTO GUN SHOW

Capital Sports Center
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SEPTEMBER

Sept 9

PISTOL SHOOTING BASICS

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Sept 16

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Sept 23

RIFLE INSTRUCTOR

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Sept 30

PISTOL INSTRUCTOR

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OCTOBER

Oct 7

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Oct 14

SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR

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Oct 21

RIFLE SHOOTING BASICS

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Oct 28

PISTOL SHOOTING BASICS

Fullerton, CA

NOVEMBER

Nov 4

PERSONAL PROTECTION IN THE HOME

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Nov 11

PISTOL SHOOTING BASICS

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Nov 18

PERSONAL PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE HOME

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DECEMBER

Dec 2

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER

Fullerton, CA

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CRPA FOUNDATION 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES AND GRANT RECIPIENTS!

Each year The CRPA Foundation provides scholarships to college-bound graduates that have either excelled in shooting sports or made and impact in wildlife conservation efforts. This year the Foundation is happy to announce four outstanding recipients of scholarships. These young people showed great insight in their written essays and were accomplished in their academic scholarship while excelling in extracurricular activities.

We are proud of these CRPA youth ambassadors and wish them the best as they move on to college this fall.

The CRPA Foundation also had the opportunity to award the second round of grants this year to deserving programs supporting youth shooting and the Second Amendment.

Congratulations to the following organizations:

The CRPA Foundation has given out \$20,000 this year to deserving programs to keep people training and learning about the Second Amendment and the shooting sports. **CRPA**

\$1,000- SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Isaac Marchall
Southern Utah University

Isaac Marchall grew up learning the importance of gun safety and shooting skill development at home. Today, he enjoys shooting with friends he's introduced to the sport, and recently earned his Pro-Marksman qualification. In the future, Isaac wants to continue to build on his skills, get involved with 3-gun competitions and work in the aerospace industry. He believes it's more important now than ever to protect the law-abiding citizen's ability to bear arms and wants more people to make their voice known to politicians that more gun control laws do not equal safer communities.



Kira Fierro
Sonoma State University

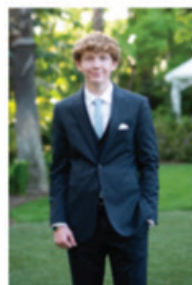
Kira Fierro learned the importance of gun safety at a young age when her family held a meeting on the Four Rules of Firearm Safety. After that, they began shooting for enjoyment as a family. Today, she firmly believes that staying up to date on legislative issues in the 2nd Amendment community and understanding the value of firearms safety and responsible ownership is crucial. To Kira, the 2nd Amendment has helped build community in her area, and helped her dad open a local gun store. As a young female, she wants to show the state of CA that the next generation is not afraid to defend their rights. In the future, Kira sees herself in a career writing policy.

\$1,000- FLETCHER DIEHL MEMORIAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Autumn Irvin
Shasta College

Autumn Irvin participated on her High School Clay Target team all four years, earning the title of Top Female Shooter in the state of CA. She, like countless others, was affected by AB2571 when it stopped her team from competing, practicing, and receiving publications with team advice and updates on youth shooters all around the state. So, she took to the capitol with CRPA to talk to legislators about how this affected her personally. Autumn wants the next generation to understand the importance of our right to bear arms, as she recognizes this protects the youth shooting programs that have afforded her many opportunities. In the future, she wants to pursue a career in agriculture, become a part-time shooting coach, and start a trap team at her college- inspiring others to do the same.



Kyle Francis
Cal State University San Marcos

Kyle Francis has been a hunter and sportsman his entire life. He attributes his learning and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution to what he was taught at home. In the future, Kyle plans to stay engaged as a conservationist, practice safe handling, enter competitions for fun, always vote, and provide the umbrella of protection afforded by the 2nd Amendment for his family. He believes that more kids will see gun rights as a freedom and fun experience through education.



De La Salle High School Trap Team and Booster Club
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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CRPA FOUNDATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The CRPA Foundation seeks to grow pro-2A communities on college campuses by supporting students in their educational pursuits. With growing anti-gun bias on college campuses, it's more important than ever that we invest in students who wish to preserve our hunting and shooting sport traditions through participation and a safety-first attitude



Shooting Sports **Scholarship**

The \$1,000 *Shooting Sports Scholarship* is dedicated to students who are active in the community and demonstrate passionate engagement in the shooting sports.

Fletcher Diehl Memorial Wildlife Conservation **Scholarships**

The \$1,000 *Fletcher Diehl Memorial Wildlife Conservation Scholarship* is dedicated to students who are active in the community and work towards the preservation of wildlife.

ABOUT THE CRPA FOUNDATION



The CRPA Foundation is a donor supported nonprofit that works relentlessly to defend the constitutional rights of individuals to choose to own and use firearms. We understand that your rights "shall not be infringed," and fight to protect the use of firearms for lawful purposes.

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- Educate individuals with respect to firearms in their historic, technological, artistic, constitutional contribution to the well-being of the general public
- Protect the rights enumerated under the Second Amendment under the U.S. Constitution

Eligible Applicants:

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- State recognized nonprofit organization

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- Competitive Shooting Teams
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Annual Deadlines

June 1

October 1

NEW GRAY WOLF PACK **CONFIRMED** IN TULARE COUNTY

Originally published on wildlife.ca.gov

California has a new gray wolf pack in Tulare County, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) announced today. This is the Golden State's southernmost pack, and it is at least 200 air miles from the nearest known pack in northeastern California.

In July, CDFW received a wolf sighting report from a location in the Sequoia National Forest. CDFW investigated the reported location, found wolf tracks and other signs of wolf presence, and collected 12 scat and hair samples from the immediate area for genetic testing. CDFW's Wildlife Forensics Laboratory performed DNA analysis to determine if the samples were from wolf, as well as sex, coat color, individual identity, relation to one another and pack origin. All 12 samples were confirmed gray wolf. The new pack consists of at least five individuals not previously detected in California, including one adult female, who is a direct descendant of California's first documented wolf in the state in recent history, "OR7", and four offspring (two females, two males). None of the samples collect-

JOIN & SUPPORT CRPA'S RANGE COALITION



CRPA's Range Coalition members are businesses, clubs, private and public ranges throughout California. Range Coalition members are united to protect range operations and expand opportunities for public participation in the shooting sports so that all Californians have convenient access to ranges and to marksmanship, self-defense, hunting, safety and other training.

The CRPA Range Coalition advocates for ranges in Sacramento and locally to protect ranges and ensure that any proposed legislation or regulatory policies promote proven and sound best management practices and recognize the value of access to ranges and training programs. Through webinars and Information Bulletins, CRPA provides critical information to coalition members and range operators about environmental, safety, insurance, corporate, legal, operational and other important issues of interest.

California's ranges are encouraged to learn more about CRPA's Range Coalition by emailing CRPA at ranges@crpa.org.

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MICHELLE HARRIS



SAMANTHA WINIECKI-LOVE

ed came from an adult male, however the genetic profile from the offspring indicate that the breeding male is a descendant of the Lassen Pack.

Gray wolves are native to California but were extirpated in the state by the 1920s. In late 2011, OR7 crossed the state line to become the first wolf in nearly a century to make California part of his range before returning to Oregon to form the Rogue Pack.

Wolves are protected under California's Endangered Species Act and are federally protected in California under the federal Endangered Species Act. It is illegal to intentionally kill or harm wolves in the state. For more information and to report potential sightings, please visit CDFW's Gray Wolf Program webpage at wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Gray-Wolf. **CRPA**

GOLDEN RULES OF GUN SAFETY

1. **ALWAYS** treat all guns as if they are loaded.
2. **ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
3. **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. **ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
5. **ALWAYS** know your target, its surroundings, and beyond.
6. **ALWAYS** know how to properly operate your gun.
7. **ALWAYS** be sure the gun is safe to operate.
8. **ALWAYS** use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
9. **ALWAYS** wear eye and ear protection.
10. **NEVER** use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription, or other drugs before or while participating in shooting sports.



For more information and training, please contact the California Rifle & Pistol Association: (714) 992-2772 | CRPA.org

BREEDING DUCKS INCREASE BY 30 PERCENT IN ANNUAL CDFW WATERFOWL BREEDING POPULATION SURVEY

Originally published by wildlife.ca.gov

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has completed its 2023 waterfowl breeding population survey. The resulting data indicate the overall number of breeding ducks has increased by 30 percent with mallards as the most abundant duck in the survey.

"Survey estimates indicated a 13 percent increase in mallard abundance. Habitat conditions improved somewhat as there was more surface water encountered across the survey area than in previous years," said CDFW's Waterfowl Program Biologist Melanie Weaver.

The full Breeding Population Survey Report, available on the CDFW website, indicates the total number of ducks (all species combined) increased from 379,870 in 2022 to 495,438 this year. This

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California Hunting and Conservation Coalition (Coalition) members include all the major hunting and natural resource conservation groups in California. Coalition members are united to ensure a strong future for wildlife conservation by protecting and expanding hunting and fishing opportunities throughout California and supporting wildlife management decisions based on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

The Coalition works to make sure these decisions are based on the best available science and sound management strategies.

The Coalition's primary goal is to ensure that wildlife populations thrive in perpetuity and that our traditional hunting and fishing heritage will be guaranteed for all Californians, for generations to come.

Coalition efforts are badly needed in these times of great challenges to our hunting heritage but also in times of great opportunities.

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estimate is 8 percent below the long-term average. The estimated breeding population of mallards increased from 179,390 in 2022 to 202,108 this year, while also below their long-term average. The long-

term declines are largely attributed to the loss of nesting habitat for ducks. Additionally, the impact of drought conditions have likely exacerbated these declines.

CDFW biologists and warden

pilots have conducted this survey annually using fixed-wing aircraft since 1948. The population estimates are for those areas where the vast majority of waterfowl nesting occurs in California, including wetland and agricultural areas in northeastern California, throughout the Central Valley, the Suisun Marsh, and some coastal valleys.

The majority of California's wintering duck population originates from breeding areas surveyed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Alaska and Canada, and these results should be available by August. CDFW survey information, along with similar data from other Pacific Flyway states, is used by the USFWS and the Pacific Flyway Council when setting hunting regulations for the Pacific Flyway states, including California. **CRPA**

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CRPA works to preserve the traditional and historic role of the individual citizen to hunt, conserve, and preserve California's resources. In addition, CRPA works relentlessly in California to defend your constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

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CRPA HONORS "TOP GUN" CADET AT CDFW ACADEMY 66

CRPA is celebrating its 150th anniversary as the oldest firearms safety, pro-conservation, and competitive shooting sports nonprofit west of the Appalachians. With this comes a host of celebratory activities, which includes the sponsorship of the

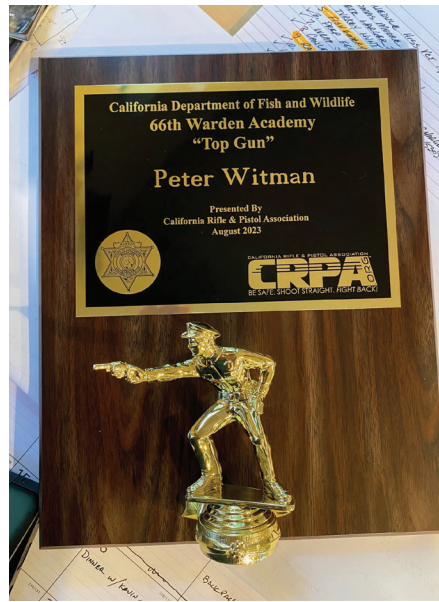
annual "Top Gun" award to the top shooter in the graduating class of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's warden academy. This year, CDFW graduated 43 cadets and competition for the top shooter was intense.

All the graduates successfully completed more than 120 hours of training on two different firearm platforms and were required to pass

four different qualification courses and one marksmanship course. Each of these tests were tallied for total score of 840 points. CRPA has sponsored this trophy for more than a decade and is proud to name this year's Top Gun recipient as Peter Witman with a total score of 819 points.

Witman was born and raised in Simi Valley, California and graduated with a criminal justice degree from Cal Lutheran University in 2016. After graduating, he first became a park ranger with the United Water District at Lake Piru in Southern California. There, he worked closely with the local fish and wildlife wardens and helped solve a major deer poaching case that

piqued his interest in resource conservation and protection. Witman's training in the use of firearms began when he was a Boy Scout where he learned to use .22 caliber rifles and small-gauge shotguns. His grandfather was a police chaplain and helped to motivate his interest in law enforcement. All this experience resulted in his eventual acceptance and graduation from the CDFW's Academy. Not only did Witman win the Top Gun Award for excellence in shooting and safety but was voted by his peers to receive the Greg Cook Award for being the most motivated. He also won the Top



Report Writer award sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation. And finally, to top it off, he won, not surprisingly, the Most Outstanding Cadet award sponsored by the California Wardens Officer Foundation.

He prides himself in the safety and rightful use of firearms. With the Top Gun award Witman receives a one-year membership to CRPA and we hope he stays with us for many years to come. Congratulations, Peter, on a job well done! Join us in welcoming Witman to our membership and to the world of resource protection and public safety! **CRPA**

CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Proper ecological stewardship and natural resource management through hunting, trapping and strategic depredation efforts are critical components of maintaining ecological balance.

Hunters and anglers provide the vast majority of funding for natural resource conservation efforts through license fees and federal excise taxes paid.

The traditional science-based and experience-proven North American Model (NAM) of Wildlife Conservation approach to natural resource management has been used to successfully maintain balanced population levels of diverse wildlife species for many decades. Consistent with NAM, hunters and anglers obey conservation regulations, adopt safe practices and adhere to a code of ethics.

Animal rights extremist groups that oppose hunting (see humanewatch.org and huntfortruth.org) advocate abandoning the NAM in favor of an unbalanced and unscientific approach to species management that would deliberately make hunting unsustainable. These groups promote a model that would encourage predator species populations to explode. These unchecked predator populations would decimate game species and endanger suburban neighborhoods.

Through education, mentorship and example, CRPA supports and promotes the NAM. CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts of animal rights extremist groups and fights the unscientific and unbalanced approach they advocate at the Capital, the California Fish and Game Commission and in the courtrooms!

- Wildlife belongs to the people and is held in the public trust. It is managed in trust for the people by government agencies.
- It is illegal to sell the meat of any wild animal in North America.
- Laws developed by people and enforced by government agencies ensure the proper use and conservation of wildlife resources.
- Every law-abiding citizen has the right and privilege to hunt and fish and should have the opportunity.
- Humans can legally kill certain wildlife for legitimate purposes under strict guidelines for food and fur, in self-defense or property protection. Laws are in place to restrict casual killing, killing for commercial purposes, wasting of game and mistreating wildlife.
- Because wildlife and fish freely migrate across boundaries between states, provinces and countries, they are considered an international resource.
- The best science available will be used as a basis for informed decision-making on wildlife management.

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Upgraded members receive *additional* benefits as listed below. To sign up for membership, please visit crpa.org.

■ **Student 1-Year Membership:** \$30 / Year

■ **1-Year General Membership:** \$55 / Year

■ **5-Year General Membership:** \$225 (\$5 savings a year on annual membership)

■ **2A Sustaining Membership:** \$17.91 / month

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- Life Member Hat
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- CRPA Challenge Coin
- A copy of the current year edition of *California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations* by CRPA's President and General Counsel Chuck Michel

***Active military and veterans get a 10% discount on all Annual, 5-Year, & Life Memberships. Use Code USVET at checkout.**

■ **Life Member:** \$1000

■ **Senior Life Member (65 and older):** \$550

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CRPA's Enhanced Life Members are 2A supporters, hunters and shooters committed to the CRPA's mission and success. In addition to ALL the above-listed member benefits, CRPA Enhanced Life Members also receive:

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 - Defender Life Member Certificate
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 - Personal Recognition from CRPA President

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 - Personal Recognition from CRPA President

- **Patriot Life Member (Gold/Benefactor):** \$1500 upgrade for CRPA Activist Life Members
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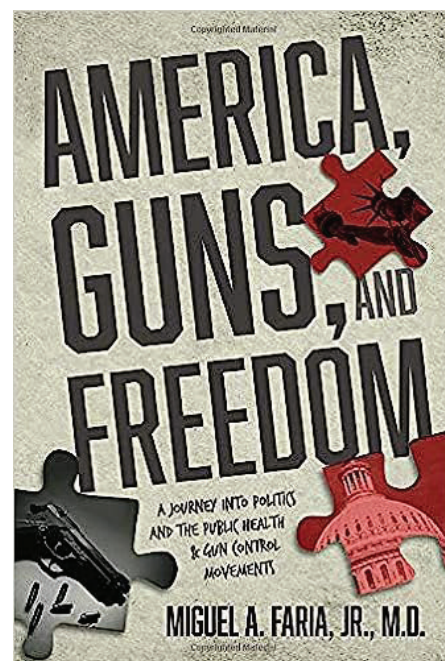
AMERICA, GUNS AND FREEDOM

A JOURNEY INTO POLITICS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH & GUN CONTROL MOVEMENTS

BY MIGUEL A. FARIA, JR., M.D.

America, Guns, and Freedom outlines why the Second Amendment and armed self-defense are still needed in modern society, debunks the arguments that the U.S. should follow the path of European social democracies by enforcing draconian gun control, and expounds on how civilian disarmament in Australia and Great Britain, despite media hype, has not decreased violent crime in those countries. In *America, Guns, and Freedom*, the author warns us of the five essential ingredients

required for the creation and sustenance of tyrannical governments, one of which has been civilian disarmament via gun registration followed by gun bans and confiscation. Faria discusses mass shooting incidents and the role of mental illness. Special attention is given to the problem of how media sensationalism may encourage deranged individuals and madmen to become mass shooters seeking celebrity status, even in death. While gun control advocates decry America's "gun culture," Faria informs us of the significant role

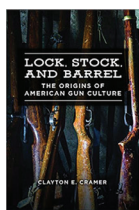


that this "gun culture" played in saving England during World War II. American traditions have been and remain beacons of liberty, and this is most evident in *America, Guns, and Freedom*. Totalitarian governments that deny their citizens the right to keep and bear arms are a threat to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. **CRPA**

LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL: The Origins of American Gun Culture

BY CLAYTON E. CRAMER

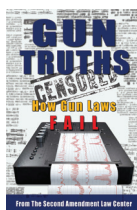
How far back does American gun culture go? How has it developed over time? What astonishing effect has it had in creating the modern world?



GUN TRUTHS: How Gun Laws Fail

FROM THE SECOND AMENDMENT LAW CENTER

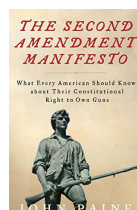
Gun Truths debunks common myths about firearms, self-defense, and gun ownership. It serves as a reference guide for journalists, politicians, law enforcement, and anyone interested in learning about the topics inflaming the debate on gun control.



THE SECOND AMENDMENT MANIFESTO: What Every American Should Know About Their Constitutional Right To Own Guns

BY JOHN PAINE

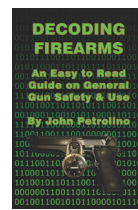
Do you want to know the *real* story of the Second Amendment? *The Second Amendment Manifesto* explains *how* the Second Amendment came to be, *why* it's worth protecting and *what* you can do to defend it right now.



DECODING FIREARMS: An Easy To Read Guide on General Gun Safety & Use

BY JOHN PETROLINO

Decoding Firearms is an introductory look into gun safety and firearm use. Topics include gun safety rules, how firearms work, how to operate some common firearm types, the steps you take when using a firearm, and more. This is a good first look, presented in a conversational and didactic manner.



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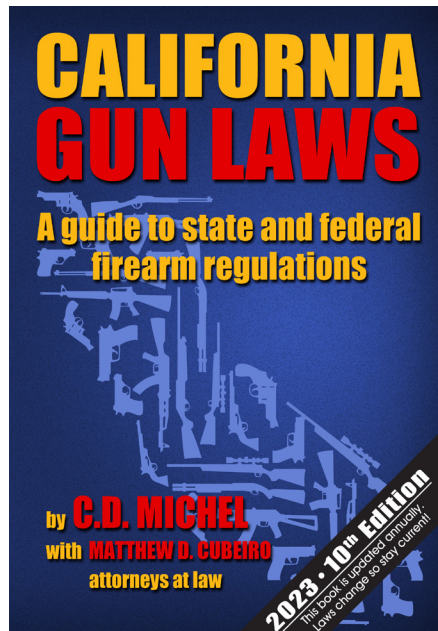
CALIFORNIA GUN LAWS

A GUIDE TO STATE AND FEDERAL FIREARM REGULATIONS

**BY C.D. MICHEL
& MATTHEW D. CUBEIRO**

California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations is said to be the bible and definitive source for information on the subject. This tremendous resource is jam-packed with thousands of hours of legal research, all of which has been transcribed into a format that is easy to read and comprehend. Chock-full of legal and practical insights drawn from decades of experience, this book is a must-have for any California gun owner.

The 2023 10th Edition is perhaps our greatest undertaking yet. Following the highly anticipated ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association*



tion v. Bruen from the United States Supreme Court, a flurry of lawsuits have been filed challenging California's arbitrary and unconstitutional gun laws.

But anti-gun politicians are not letting the Supreme Court's deci-

sion stand in their way of enacting legislative and regulatory changes—nearly all of which are also being challenged. Core among these is the recent changes to federal regulations for the definition of a firearm and a frame/receiver. And in California, over a dozen new anti-gun bills were signed into law that are addressed in the 10th Edition, including:

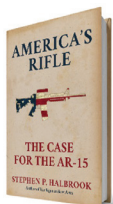
■ **Senate Bill No. 1327**, which creates a private right of action against any person who manufactures, distributes, transports, imports, sells, gives, or lends any firearm lacking a serial number, any “assault weapon,” any .50 BMG rifle, or any firearm precursor part under certain circumstances.

■ **Assembly Bill No. 2571**, which prohibits the advertising or marketing of any firearm-related product in a way that is designed, intended, or reasonably appears to be attractive to minors.

And More! **CRPA**

AMERICA'S RIFLE: The Case For The AR-15

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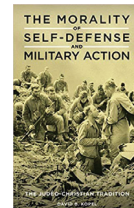
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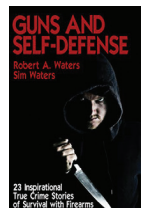
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