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## WE DEFEND FREEDOM

### An Open Letter to Candidates for Political Office

Dear Candidate:

Defend the 2nd Amendment and the United States Constitution and we will have your back.

As with all law-abiding citizens, we the firearms owners of America want safe communities. Many of us have become cynical, however, seeing our rights relentlessly attacked while criminals get a pass. We understand the responsible and lawful use of firearms better than anyone. Besides our constitutional rights being undermined, we view the obsessive attacks on our legal gun ownership as political, dishonest and a deadly distraction. What we demand instead is for government to address the litany of real issues that undermine our public safety while preserving the civil liberties of law-abiding citizens.

Our rights as Americans under our Constitution and the Bill of Rights are non-negotiable. As a candidate for elected office, you need to know all the facts surrounding criminal-violence with firearms. They simply do not support the assertions of the Biden Administration and gun-control zealots that push the narrative, "more armed Americans equal more deaths."

There are numerous credible research studies that prove unequivocally that pervasive firearms ownership is not the problem. To the contrary, lawfully armed citizens are the solution. In fact, it has been shown more gun-control laws that burden us actually putting our communities at greater risk while more legal gun ownership has been shown to reduce deaths and prevent crimes. \*

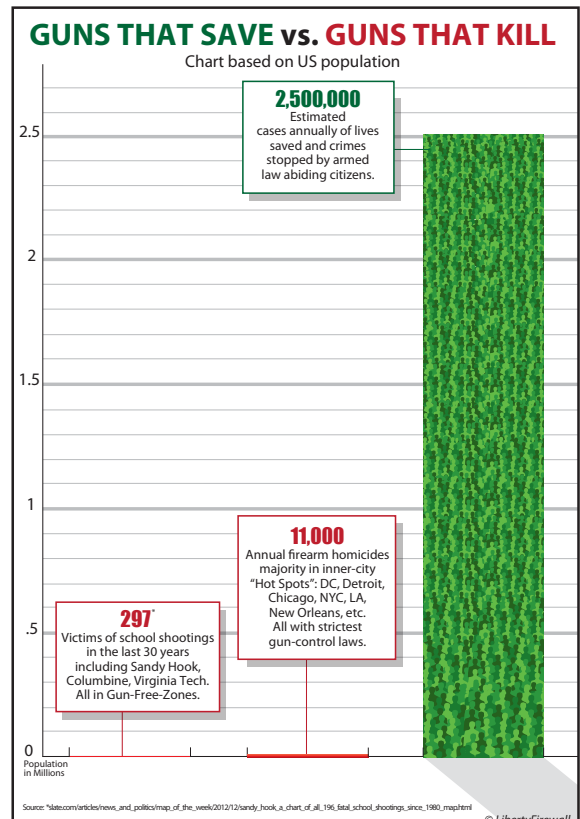
Despite empirical evidence including the government's own data from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), the burden continues to be unjustly placed upon us, the lawful citizens, while real solutions that target criminal behavior are routinely ignored.

The attacks on lawful gun owners take many forms that go beyond the legislature. This includes the intentional blurring of the truth by propagandists who implicitly equate criminal behavior with legal gun ownership. This imposes a corrupt cultural bias on lawful gun ownership and routinely subjects law-abiding gun owners to unfair and prejudicial treatment in society. These are part of well-funded propaganda campaigns orchestrated by the powerful gun-control lobby\*\*, anti-gun politicians and many in the mainstream media.

Furthermore, anti-gun regulations deliberately force firearms manufactures out of large markets reducing their production amortization capabilities and putting their businesses at risk of insolvency. There is also the government strong arming of banks to deny financial services to those in the firearms industry. Public schools routinely vilify anything to do with firearms as does the CDC in declaring firearms a health hazard. In addition, there are the unrelenting attacks on ammunition production and availability from the Democrat controlled EPA.

While the optics of political campaigns may often be challenging, to cede even a rhetorical defense of the 2nd Amendment will send the wrong signal to those in the firearms community. We will not support a candidate or elected official who is weak on the defense of our 2nd Amendment. This commitment is rooted in history that for far too long our rights have been routinely trampled upon, even traded away in legislative horse trading by politicians who are either ill-informed or have an anti-gun and anti-freedom bias.

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What we require in our representatives are champions of liberty and courageous leadership that will not fold under corrupt and dishonest political attacks. In return, we will passionately support those with a sincere interest in creating real public safety solutions while standing firm in the defense of the Constitutional rights of all Americans.

Sincerely yours,

The 2nd Amendment Patriot  
The American Sportsman  
Law-abiding Firearms Owners of America  
Americans for the Defense and Preservation of our Constitution  
The American Taxpayer

\* 1) Harvard Study titled, "Would Banning Firearms Reduce Murder and Suicide?" Kates & Mauser; 2) Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, NW University, "Armed Resistance to Crime: The Prevalence and Nature of Self-Defense with a Gun," Gary Kleck & Marc Gertz; 3) "More Guns Less Crime", Dr. John R. Lott, Jr., PhD.

\*\* 1) "Preventing Gun Violence Through Effective Messaging," Frank O'Brien, OMP: John Neffinger and Matthew Kohut, KNP Communication; Al Quinlan, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research; 2) Members of the anti-gun industry: Everytown for Gun Safety (formerly Mayors Against Illegal Guns), Bloomberg et al; The Brady Campaign, Sarah Bady; Moms Demanding Action (formerly Million Moms Against Gun Violence); The Joyce Foundation; Moveon.org; Violence Policy Center; Freedom State Alliance; Media Matter; American Academy of Pediatrics; Americans for Gun Safety; Coalition for Peace Action; Gun Free Kids; National Gun Victims Action Council; Protest Easy Guns; Real Hunter Real Conservation; Students for Gun Free Schools; Tides Center Foundation; DCS Congressional; David Bohnett Foundation; Crime Gun Solution; Wounded in America; Third Way; Coalition to Stop Gun Violence; RI Coalition Against Gun Violence; Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence (RI).

## What you can do

### Support HB398: Repeal Archaic Permit Law

Please help us message our State Legislature to repeal Governor Cooper's veto of HB398, "Pistol Purchase Permit Repeal," Repealing our archaic Jim Crow-era pistol purchase permit bill is long overdue. If the law is repealed, background checks for gun purchases will be done at the time of sale, rather than up to five years earlier, as under current law.

This year, North Carolina Sheriffs Association reversed its position and now supports repealing the law. With both gun rights supporters and law enforcement organizations now supporting repeal, only gun control advocates want to keep the system despite the fact that it gives the criminal access to firearms.

Find Your Representatives: NC State House & Senate: <http://grnc.org/defend-your-rights/find-my-elected-representative>  
Federal Congressman: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>  
Federal Senators: <http://www.senate.gov/>

### Join the Fight to Defend Our Freedom

What have they done to our beloved America? Why do we face each day with a sense of foreboding as if with each new day something even more outrageous is about to happen? Between the huge spike in crimes, the horrific invasion across our open southern border, the malignancy of the Woke Cancel-Culture poisoning our schools and Marxist politicians hellbent on destroying our law and order, has the world gone stark raving mad?

A dark and hideous cloud has blanketed America and we're witnessing our beloved America slipping away. The Democrats are bringing back the bad old days: spending our tax dollars like a drunken sailor, exploding our already gargantuan debt that will guarantee our children and their children live in a debtor nation. Biden and the Democrats are "fundamentally transforming" America into a third world hellhole.

At the top of the Democrat wish list is gun control, so here we go again, Biden wants to take your guns without due process. Meanwhile, he and the Washington Swamp just gave the Taliban eighty two billion Dollars' worth of America's most advanced weaponry, and armed our enemies with a monstrous cache of guns, ammunition and military equipment that will surely be used to target us and our allies. It's beyond contemptible and infuriating. Are you mad enough yet? Want to do something about it? Then join us to DEFEND FREEDOM!



Our next 2nd Amendment Patriots meetings are scheduled for  
**Tues. 10/5 at 2pm & Tues. 10/19 at 2 pm**  
**Pamlico County Law Enforcement Association (PCLEA) Gun Range**  
on Mill Lane in Bayboro  
Please join us!  
(If you wish to have some range time, please bring eye and ear protection.)

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