NON-NEGOTIABLE

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AMENDMENT II

"A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Our Founding Fathers (yes, Fathers) wrote this amendment in a very simple language so that all citizens could understand its meaning. It is not complicated. It means that it is our right to have guns for our protection against ANY threat to ourselves, families and fellow citizens.

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This simple, yet very critical amendment can be discussed, debated, the meaning massaged to fit an agenda but it doesn't matter. The firearms are ours to possess and no one gets to say otherwise.

We, as American citizens, are tired of this debate and realize that the only ones that want to debate are the ones that want to reduce that right. This position puts those at odds with the American people and they don't realize it or don't care.

This right is non-negotiable. If our elected/ non-elected officials, celebrities, sports figures, etc. can have armed security, then the debate needs to be ended. It is ended by the American citizen that believes in the importance of our Constitution. We need to insert ourselves into the debate and loudly state that we are not going to comply to any alteration of Amendment II. We will not comply with "red flag laws", restrictions on magazine capacity, ammunition shortages or whatever end run our supposed experts and leaders propose. We will not comply and, more importantly, they don't have enough officials to enforce their plans. That is what Amendment II is all about. Arms allow peaceful citizens to ward off tyranny, unjust laws or infringements of our rights. Out of control officials will consider other, more peaceful options to enforce their edicts if an American citizen is armed and prepared to defend these rights.

Bearing arms is not about hunting, target shooting, etc. It is for protection. Plain and simple. This protection is for use against any threat to our rights to Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness. This amendment is not for rainy days, every other Tuesday or hunting season. To say so is being, at best, dishonest and, at worst, sinister and should be interpreted as such by American citizens. We are not forced to bear arms for our protection. It is a choice backed by an amendment. If the Constitution does not force citizens to bear arms, it equally should not force citizens to be unable to bear arms for our protection. It is simple. If you don't like the concept of owning a firearm for your protection then don't at the same time side with those that want to restrict this right to those that do.

The 2nd Amendment debate has been going on for decades without resolution. Every time a tragedy occurs the debate is restoked. Firearm restrictions will not reduce tragic events. Those that want to do harm to innocent citizens will find any method to do so. They will use a vehicle, knife, fists, etc. Will our policitions discuss banning or restricting these items and many others? Of course, not they cannot. They discuss firearms specifically since firearms are the only things that stand in the way of dominating the American citizenry. There are no other explanations and to think otherwise is naïve.

Many years ago, I had a conversation with a very liberal neighbor about firearms. He strongly believed that no one needed a firearm since we had the military and police to protect us. I simply asked him if he was comfortable with putting the responsibility of his safety and that of his family in the hands of others that have their own families as well. He paused to consider the question. I then stated that as a firearm owner, I would gladly defend him and his family in the event that it was needed. He didn't say much at the time but I believe that the comment made him reconsider this position about dictating to others. A year later, he purchased his own firearm and not because he wanted to target practice or go hunting. It was purchased for the protection of his family.

In a time where there are many issues that weigh heavily on American citizens, let us end this debate by contacting our politicians, talking with our neighbors and vowing to ourselves that we will not comply with unjust laws or mandates that are in direct conflict with our Constitution. This is going to require bravery, fortitude and the willingness to sacrifice of each of us.

It is our duty and obligation as American citizens to stop this aggression against the 2^{nd} Amendment. This action is critical to those that want to continue to live freely and enjoy the freedoms granted to us by those that had a far better understanding of the alternative way of life than we do. For those American citizens that believe in the right to bear arms, we will defend ourselves and our fellow Americans regardless of their position on the 2^{nd} Amendment.

Stay strong, hold fast and be vigilant.

