

Have You Signed on to Support HB 357?

Federal Government politicians have a "pipe dream" to ban certain firearms, ammunition and associated accessories because they did not exist when James Madison penned the 2nd Amendment. It's interesting that the internet, TV, and radio did not exist when Madison penned the first amendment addressing freedom of speech, but our anti -2nd Amendment folks seldom complain about these communication tools available today.

Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain **unalienable Rights**, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states:

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.**

The Tenth Amendment states:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people."

Powers of the Federal Government are limited and well defined. Madison stated in the Federalist papers:

"The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce; with which last the power of taxation will, for the most part, be connected."

The original thirteen states delegated limited powers to the Federal Government. In addition, Article 21 of our Declaration of Rights in the Pennsylvania Constitution specifically states:

The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

Alexander Hamilton penned Federalist Paper 33. In the sixth paragraph, concerning the Supremacy clause of the US Constitution, he states:

"...that acts of the large society [the federal government] which are NOT PURSUANT to its constitutional powers, but which are invasions of the residuary authorities of the smaller societies [the States], will become the supreme law of the land. **These will be merely acts of usurpation, and will deserve to be treated as such...**"

In the seventh paragraph of Federalist Paper 51, James Madison penned the following:

"...In the compound republic of America, the power surrendered by the people is first divided between two distinct governments, and then the portion allotted to each subdivided among distinct and separate departments. Hence a double security arises to the rights of the people. The different governments will control each other, at the same time that each will be controlled by itself."

It is time to nullify any upcoming Federal laws banning our right to bear arms. If you haven't co-sponsored HB 357 to protect our right to bear arms, please do. Don't make criminals out of law-abiding citizens. If you are currently a co-sponsor of HB 357, thank you very much for doing so.