

THE Gun Owners

39 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1975-2014

GOA Working with Rep. Stockman to Stop Registration and Confiscation of Firearms

by Mike Hammond

The problem is as fresh as today's headlines.

In California, the state sets up a \$24 million program specifically for the purpose of confiscating firearms.

New York City sends out letters to law-abiding citizens with firearms that hold in excess of 7 rounds, demanding that they turn in their newly unlawful firearms. Incidentally, New York knows gun owners' identity because it has long had a system of gun registration.

A Connecticut newspaper demands that the state imprison 300,000 residents who have failed to re-register their semi-automatic firearms.

All the while, Obama-appointed judges ignore the Constitution and okay even the most egregious violations of Second Amendment rights.

Of course, this has created a frustrating conundrum for gun owners who believe the Constitution means what it says.

But Texas Congressman Steve Stockman (R-TX) may have a solution.

In April, Stockman introduced H.R. 4380, which would strip California, New York, and Connecticut of federal Justice Department funds if they continue to confiscate and register firearms.

Continued on page 7

Stopping Gun Confiscation



Rep. Steve Stockman (right) has introduced legislation that will withhold funds from states like Connecticut if they continue to register gun owners — or take the next step toward gun confiscation. Under threats by some that gun confiscation could commence in Connecticut, GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt (left) has written an Open Letter to the citizens of the Constitution State, explaining how they can resist lawless gun control. (See page 8.)

GOA Helping States to Block Federal Gun Laws

by Christopher Stone

Last year was an extremely busy one for Gun Owners of America and its members.

Due to the activism and support from our grassroots, we were able to stop gun control, protect the Second Amendment, and frustrate the plans of President Obama and his anti-gun cronies.

GOA activists flooded the Senate with phone calls, emails, letters, post cards, and personal visits — all of them warning Senators not to vote for one word of gun control.

In the end, we were triumphant!

And while the victory was a glorious celebration of a well-run grassroots defense, gun owners in all 50 states have been clamoring for a good "offense."

The U.S. Congress has not been eager to actively push a pro-gun agenda. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is obviously no friend of the Second Amendment, and the Republican Leadership in the House has also shied away from putting real pro-gun bills up for votes.

But thankfully, the states are filling

Continued on page 7

Inside:

- **See why Bloomberg and other anti-gun media are attacking GOA (page 2)**
- **GOA on the Front Lines (page 3)**
- **GOA activists help sink an anti-gun Obama nominee (page 6)**

Bloomberg, Anti-gun Media Attacking GOA

by Erich Pratt

“I laugh at your foolishness,” said one *Bloomberg.com* writer about Gun Owners of America in a recent editorial.

You are all a bunch of “nutballs,” said *Esquire* magazine about GOA and its members.

The battle for our gun rights remains intense, and the anti-gun media is escalating its attacks against GOA’s ever-growing army of activists — but much to their chagrin, it’s not working.

Battle for the right to carry expanding into new areas

In January, GOA mobilized its grassroots advocates — via email and the website — to assist Kentucky Senator Rand Paul in his efforts to restore the right to carry arms in post offices.

While the GOA alert found a receptive audience in the gun community, *Esquire* magazine was horrified and mocked our alert, calling us “nutballs” for supporting self-defense in — gasp! — Post Office buildings.

The editors at *Esquire* obviously share the same fundamental belief as our President, who has nothing but contempt for American gun owners. Remember the President’s derogatory reference to individuals who bitterly “cling to their guns or religion”?

Yet despite the lampooning, our gun rights continue to advance. Because of Rand Paul’s persistence — and the overwhelming activism of our members — the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee voted for language to restore the right to bear arms in Post Office parking lots.

Obviously, we wanted more than this, and so the battle is not yet over — neither for us, nor for Senator Paul, who still wants to expand the right to carry into Post Office buildings.

Opposing fast-track for millions of new anti-gun voters

“Foolishness” was what a *Bloomberg.com* editorialist, Francis Wilkinson, had to say about GOA in February when commenting on our

Bloomberg changing tactics?



Anti-gun former Mayor Michael Bloomberg is now pushing amnesty for illegals — an obvious ploy to get more anti-gun Democrats elected.

efforts to stop an anti-gun immigration amnesty bill in Congress.

Wilkinson just couldn’t understand why gun owners would be concerned about legalizing millions of anti-gun voters who broke the law to get here. And so in his February 19 editorial, he ridiculed GOA (and its members) for thinking this could be an “electoral threat” to gun rights.

But David Codrea, writing in the February 20 edition of *The Examiner*, came to GOA’s defense stating:

The major problem with Wilkinson’s snottiness is that’s all he’s got. GOA refers people to data compiled by the Pew Research Center, which shows overwhelming preference among “unauthorized immigrants” for the Democrat party.

In fact, GOA has often cited a 2013 Pew poll which suggests that illegal immigrants, if given citizenship, would vote for liberal, anti-gun candidates by an 8-to-1 margin.

Bloomberg now pushing anti-gun immigration amnesty as “game changer”

It’s no wonder that, along with gun control, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has made immigration “reform” his central priority.

The anti-gun Bloomberg knows that “legalization” of persons unlawfully in the U.S. will create an “Obama army”

that would transform upcoming elections into an electoral bonanza for gun grabbers.

And this would achieve the dream that gun banners have always wanted — the dream of solidifying the House and Senate in the hands of the party of gun control.

Writing in the January 29 issue of *The Examiner*, David Codrea explains why Michael Bloomberg is now pushing amnesty for illegals:

Democrat control of Congress bodes well for oppressive gun laws, [and] a huge influx of newly legal voters from cultures where draconian government control over private firearm ownership is an unquestioned matter of course does the same thing [to elect an anti-gun Democrat majority]. Bloomberg can hardly be unaware of that.

Of course, the liberal media try to deny that their support for the anti-gun amnesty bill in Congress has anything to do with the desire to solidify the power of the political Left.

One liberal website even (mockingly) characterized our position as saying that “immigrants must suffer because of their supposed political views.” Obviously, that’s not what we’re saying, but then again, we wouldn’t expect anti-gun liberals to understand.

It must irritate the Left to the Nth degree that groups like GOA are able to reach hundreds of thousands of grassroots gun owners to mobilize them on key issues.

The Left does not have the total grip on the news that they once had (ages ago), and it drives them crazy.

GOA members ring phones “off the hook” on Capitol Hill

As an example, GOA rallied its activists in late January and asked them to contact Republican members of the House in opposition to the anti-gun amnesty bill.

The GOA grassroots responded, and the results were outstanding. Media reports indicated that the phones rang off the hook on Capitol Hill — especially in the office of Speaker John Boehner, who has been a proponent of

Continued on page 6



Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)

GOA ON THE FRONT LINES



Exposing the failures of gun-free zones. Speaking to a Fox Cable News audience, GOA Director of Communications Erich Pratt argued that gun free zones don't make people safe. Instead, Pratt said, these zones act as "magnets" to draw homicidal maniacs, who know they will be the only ones with guns.

Working for a pro-gun Senate. GOA Director of Federal Affairs Chris Stone (left) meets with Greg Brannon, a leading contender to replace the anti-gun Senator Kay Hagan in North Carolina. GOA's Political Victory Fund is supporting strong, pro-gun challengers in U.S. Senate races from coast to coast.



GOA slams Obama's Executive Actions. "[The administration] is now proposing to waive federal privacy laws so psychiatrists can report their gun-owning patients to the government," said GOA Legislative Counsel Michael Hammond in an editorial published by *The Washington Times* (Jan. 7, 2014).

"Do you really think a hunter or gun owner feels somehow less violated," Hammond asked, "when, as a result of sharing his deepest secrets in confidence, his name is turned over to government as either a dangerous or incompetent person and — as has happened — a SWAT team is sent to his house to seize his guns?"



Educating the next generation. GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt spoke to the young interns at the Leadership Institute in Virginia, which is a training ground for future leaders on Capitol Hill.



Defending gun owners in the courts. "GOA was the first group to jump in and help with my legal expenses. They really made a difference."

— Connecticut gun owner Walter Reddy, thanking GOA for helping him to get his guns returned from overzealous prosecutors.

Several students remarked how helpful this discussion was for them, and comments ranged the entire gamut — from thanking Pratt for "giving me a new interest" in the Second Amendment ... to appreciating how GOA "holds politicians from both sides of the aisle accountable" ... to gratitude for "further galvanizing my opinion" that gun control kills.



An Open Letter to the People of Connecticut

Continued from page 8

ing gun owners.

“The bottom line is that the state must try to enforce the law,” the paper opined back in February. “If you want to disobey the law, you should be prepared to face the consequences.”

And at least one top aide in the Governor’s administration, Michael P. Lawler, has indicated that the state will punish those who missed the registration deadline.

Connecticut state officials simply no longer respect the biblical principle that we are endowed by our Creator with certain “unalienable rights,” enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, including the right to self-defense and the right to protect our life and liberty against threat by criminals — or by lawless government officials.

In short, Connecticut has jettisoned the Declaration’s requirement of the “consent of the governed.”

Federal District & Appellate Courts

A courageous group of gun owners in Connecticut, led by the Connecticut Citizens Defense League (CCDL), acted quickly to present this grievance to a court, challenging these repressive laws as a violation of the Second Amendment. On January 30, the U.S. District Court in Connecticut dismissed CCDL’s challenge, which has prompted the CCDL to appeal its case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Gun Owners of America will be filing an important brief in support of the citizens of Connecticut, as we have done in defense of the citizens of New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Illinois, and in other cases where the Second Amendment has been at risk.

We hope that eventually the federal courts will apply the Second Amendment’s original pre-existing principles, as recognized by the Supreme Court’s *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago* decisions, but the citizens of Connecticut need to understand how we must all enter the battle against tyranny that is on the march.

Citizen Defense of the Constitution

To date, we have observed a near-total failure of the Connecticut government to obey the restrictions placed on it by the people in the U.S. Constitution. The General Assembly has failed. The Governor has failed. The federal district judge has failed. When a Connecticut prosecutor brings charges for violation of this unconstitutional law, the government’s betrayal of the people will be complete.

We can hope that the next time members of the General Assembly are up for election, November 2014, Connecticut citizens will oust lawless legislators and get these unconstitutional laws repealed.

We can also hope that at the national level, the American people will elect U.S. Senators who will block the con-

unconstitutional laws.

That is where Connecticut citizens must swing into action. There is an important next step in the strategy that will require the involvement of every person in Connecticut who respects the U.S. and Connecticut Constitutions — whether he is a gun owner or not.

It is known as Trial by Jury.

Role of Jurors and Jury Nullification

No one who asserts his right to trial by jury can be convicted unless a jury cooperates with the prosecution.

And that role is not limited to the factual issue of deciding who may have done what. It includes refusing to convict where the government prosecutes someone for violating an unconstitutional law.

Jurors are not told that they have that

“The state’s largest newspaper, the *Hartford Courant*, has now called for the arrest of the 300,000 non-complying gun owners.”

firmation of anti-gun judges and, later, elect a President who will appoint pro-gun ones.

But hoping is not enough. Anti-gun laws have been enacted and could be enforced at any time.

How, in the meantime, should a citizen of Connecticut respond to lawless laws? Some pro-gun groups are encouraging widespread resistance to the reporting required under the new law.

Indeed, it appears that only a small percentage of Connecticut residents are registering their rifles and magazines, understanding that, historically, registration leads to confiscation, and confiscation leads to slavery. (See <http://tinyurl.com/ketcobu>.)

Resistance tells the government that it does not have your consent.

Still, those who do not register their weapons run the risk of indictment and conviction by tyrannical Connecticut government officials. Therefore, the crisis is upon us, and will be even more real the day that Connecticut prosecutors seek to bring charges against a Connecticut citizen for violating these

right; and if they ask, they will be told they do not have it. However, this is where a Connecticut citizen must act as a citizen who knows the historic purpose and role of the jury — to protect his fellow citizens from the burden of defending against an illegal prosecution.

Jurors have a vitally important role to play in a constitutional republic — which is a central, final check against arbitrary power. Since they are not told of that role by judges, they must learn it before they are ever called to jury duty.

The ultimate power that the government has over citizens is the power of the sword — the power to arrest, prosecute, convict, and sentence lawbreakers. What if the law that the defendant is accused of breaking is unconstitutional? The jury has the power to stop such an injustice. Vesting this power in citizens was no an accident of history.

In a constitutional republic, interpretation of the Constitution is too important a responsibility to be left to the lawyers, even if they serve in the role of judges.

Continued on page 5

Brady Law Ruled a Dismal Failure on 20-Year Anniversary

by Erich Pratt

This past February 28 marked the 20-year anniversary of the Brady Law.

To mark this infamous occasion, President Obama (and other anti-gun advocates) celebrated the two million firearm sales that have been blocked during the law's existence.

The President would have people think those two million denials kept that many felons from getting guns. But criminologist John Lott, writing for *Investor's Business Daily*, disagrees.

"Those convicted were hardly what one would call dangerous criminals," Lott says. Usually, they are just people who had "relatively trivial records from years earlier" who didn't realize their offenses would disqualify them.

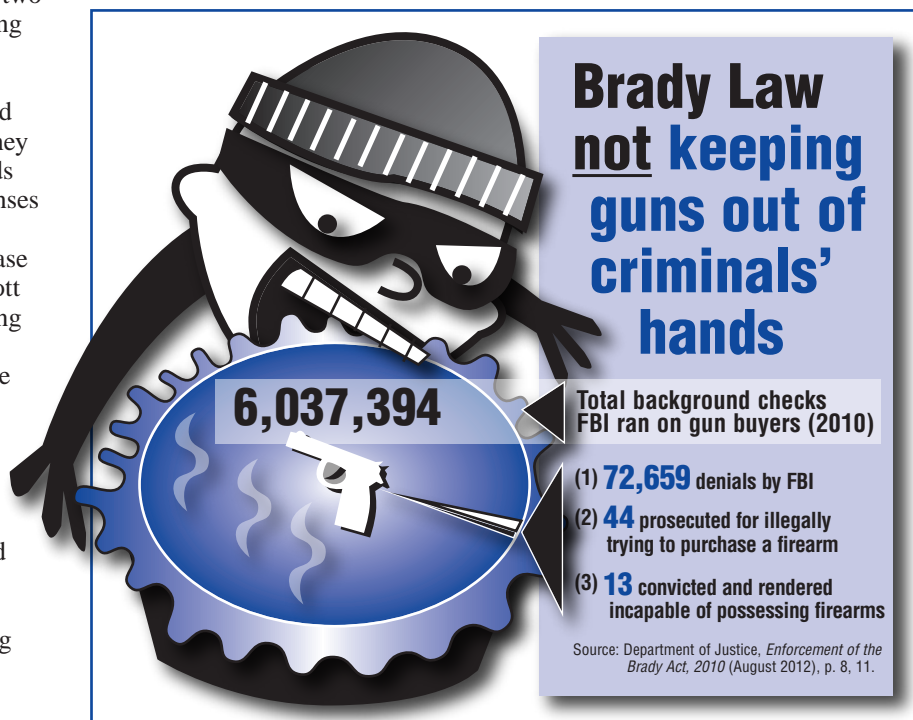
A real problem "is denying someone a purchase because they have a similar name to a felon," Lott says. But that is not the same thing as concluding that "the person being denied is a felon."

The "No Fly" list has the same problem as the NICS system. To wit, says Lott, even the late Sen. Ted Kennedy was "initially denied" flight on five different occasions, because his name was too similar to someone's on the anti-terror list.

Lott points out that by using Obama's method of counting "initial denials" of gun purchases, one could (falsely) conclude that blocking Sen. Kennedy each of those times resulted in stopping five terrorists.

What a farce.

Sadly, while the Brady Law is not keeping real felons from getting guns, we now know there are hundreds of thousands of law-abiding military veterans and other citizens who have been illegitimately denied the right to purchase firearms under the Brady Law. ■



An Open Letter to the People of Connecticut

Continued from page 4

Indeed, the origin of jury nullification in the United States is often traced to the prosecution of John Peter Zenger for seditious libel against officials in the colonial government in New York. His crime was to have criticized the government without its prior approval.

At Zenger's trial in 1735, he asserted that his criticisms were true, but the judge instructed the jury that truth was no defense, that Zenger admitted his guilt, and that they should find Zenger guilty. The jury paid little heed to the judge, acquitting Zenger after only minutes of deliberation.

Inherent in the right to trial by jury is

the jury's right to determine the law as well as the facts. Sadly, a government that seeks ever greater power over citizens has sought to erode the jury's authority.

In the distant past, jurors were told the truth; they were told they had the right to nullify a prosecution for an unconstitutional law. But since then, the government determined they *need not* be told. And then the government determined that they *could not* be told.

Today, most judges tell juries that their only role is to determine the facts, and the judges "instruct" them as to what the law is.

Hogwash!

As in the Zenger case, a modern juror has the power, and responsibility, to acquit a defendant if he believes the law the defendant is charged with vio-

lating is unconstitutional.

Jury nullification is certainly not an antiquated notion. In fact, it is making an important comeback in the states. For example, in 2012, New Hampshire enacted HB 146 which formalizes the jury's right to nullify. It provides that "[i]n all criminal proceedings the court shall permit the defense to inform the jury of its right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy." Connecticut should have a law like that as well.

At this perilous time, the duty of every liberty-loving Connecticut citizen is to embrace the responsibilities of a citizen, taking up the mantle of defending his fellow citizens and the U.S. and Connecticut Constitutions, against attack from a lawless government. ■

GOA Activists Help Sink Anti-Gun Obama Nominee

by Mike Hammond

“Past comments [Vivek Murthy] made in support of gun control have drawn strong opposition from [the] Gun Owners of America.”

— *The Huffington Post*, March 17, 2014

It's not time to declare victory yet.

But it is interesting that the White House is publicly considering delaying the vote on the Vivek Murthy nomination to be Surgeon General until after the November elections.

In early February, Gun Owners of America activated its grassroots network — using email, web and Facebook — to the problems with this anti-gun nominee.

As Surgeon General, Murthy could

channel huge amounts of taxpayer dollars to “junk science studies” intended to prove that guns should be banned.

Already, Murthy has actively used his position as a physician and pro-Obama activist to advocate gun bans, magazine bans, and gun registration.

But according to the *Huffington Post*, Murthy's support for a ban on semi-automatic firearms “isn't sitting well with powerful leaders in the gun lobby” like Gun Owners of America.

And on March 18, the liberal *Huffington Post* said that “bellyaching” from **“Gun Owners of America has given unfortunate pause to common sense [sic] in Congress.”**

Thankfully, because of the united pro-gun opposition to Murthy, ten

GOA opposition helps stall Obama pick



The liberal media have lamented the pressure that groups like GOA have put on Obama's anti-gun pick for Surgeon General.

Democrats are now considering voting against this Surgeon General nomination. ■

Bloomberg, Anti-gun Media Attacking GOA

Continued from page 2

getting an immigration bill passed.

The intense outpouring of opposition culminated in a Republican “retreat,” and newspaper headlines around the country bemoaned that the anti-gun amnesty bill was dead — at least for now.

The battle is clearly not over, and GOA will continue to monitor progress on this issue. So gun owners should stay tuned.

CNN's Piers Morgan blames gun owners for his demise

No treatment of the anti-gun media would be complete without mentioning the King of Disinformation — CNN's Piers Morgan, who has called it quits.

According to the *London Times*, Morgan blamed “dwindling viewing figures and an anti-gun campaign that alienated a vast swath of his audience [which] led him to conclude that his show had ‘run its course.’”

Anyone who saw Morgan's program more than once or twice knows that he never gave his “anti-gun campaign” a rest, as he continually distorted facts and insulted opponents who were clear-

ly more knowledgeable than he was.

“One of the better examples [of Piers Morgan's failures],” observed *The Examiner*, “was when Morgan invited Larry Pratt, the executive director of the Gun Owners of America, to argue the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.”

Many gun owners remember the two fierce debates that took place between Pratt and Morgan over a year ago.

During their first face-off, Piers quickly ran out of arguments and resorted to name-calling and insults — saying, among other things, that Pratt was an “idiot” and an “unbelievably stupid man.”

But Morgan's lack of factual data was plainly obvious. Said one reporter, Cliff Kincaid, who watches for media bias:

Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America (GOA) deserves credit for going on the CNN Piers Morgan program ... and calmly and rationally taking the arrogant British host completely apart [and] debunking

Piers Morgan gets the axe



While GOA's Larry Pratt may be missing his old sparring partner, most gun owners are glad they will no longer have to listen to the pompous British host (left) spew his anti-gun venom.

every tired liberal claim about “gun control.”

While many in the gun-owning community won't be missing Piers once he steps down, he won't be missing us either — but for a different reason.

He will still continue to receive GOA newsletters and receive informative gun-related stories and statistics, given the fact that a GOA member gave Mr. Morgan a gift GOA membership after the first debate with Larry Pratt.

Who knows, maybe once Morgan retires, he'll have more time to read GOA's newsletters! We can only hope so. ■

GOA Helping States Block Federal Gun Laws

Continued from page 1

in the void.

GOA working to rein in federal abuses

In just the first four months of 2014, two states have made serious progress on legislation relating to state nullification.

What is “nullification,” you ask? Well, it is based on the premise that the federal government cannot just do anything it wants.

In *Federalist Paper 45*, James Madison wrote that, “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.”

So what happens when the federal government exceeds its “few and defined” powers? According to constitutional scholar Dr. Tom Woods, “State nullification is the idea that the states can and must refuse to enforce unconstitutional federal law.”

Throughout our American history, this has happened at the state level on a myriad of issues — gun control being just one of them.

And that is why Gun Owners of America is proud to support states like Missouri and Idaho — two states that have made substantial progress in efforts to rein in the enforcement of federal gun control laws.

Gun Owners of America, along with millions of law-abiding Americans, believes that the rights protected by the

Second Amendment “shall not be infringed.” As such, we believe that any and all firearms restrictions are inherently unconstitutional.

Therefore, states have the legal right to prohibit state officials from enforcing any of the draconian measures passed down from the Obama Administration.

Idaho tells the feds to “get lost”

Gun Owners of America has been heavily involved in supporting both Idaho and Missouri in their efforts to block the unconstitutional steps being taken in Washington, D.C.

Idaho Governor Butch Otter (R) recently signed S.B. 1332 into law.

comes to unconstitutional gun control infringements.”

Missouri is also on its way to passing a law to rein in federal abuses, but currently needs the support of Missouri residents to push their elected officials in the direction of liberty.

Even though Mayor Bloomberg and the anti-gun Left have pledged to spend millions of dollars to dismantle the Second Amendment, we are witnessing great success in restoring the Second Amendment to its original intent as contained in the Bill of Rights.

Last year Alaska and Kansas both passed their own state nullification laws, and legislators in many other

“By signing this nullification bill into law,” said GOA Director of Communications Erich Pratt, “Idaho has joined an elite class of states that are telling the feds to ‘get lost’ — especially when it comes to unconstitutional gun control infringements.”

Known as the “Idaho Federal Firearm, Magazine and Register Ban Enforcement Act,” the new law effectively protects the Second Amendment for all Idaho residents by:

- Barring Idaho officials from enforcing federal gun control laws; and,
- Penalizing the officers who gave such orders.

“By signing this nullification bill into law,” said GOA Director of Communications Erich Pratt in a statement to the national press, “Idaho has joined an elite class of states that are telling the feds to ‘get lost’ — especially when it

states — including Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, and New Hampshire -- have introduced similar bills this year.

President Obama and his cronies know that their time is running out. He has failed to pass substantial anti-gun legislation, and now he is facing a backlash from the states.

It is imperative that all law-abiding gun owners stand up and support state nullification laws and send a message to the politicians in Washington that we have had it with their efforts to dismantle our God-given right to defend ourselves. ■

GOA Working with Rep. Stockman to Stop Registration and Confiscation of Firearms

Continued from page 1

In fact, H.R. 4380 would prohibit any state from setting up a gun registry — and would prohibit a system of confiscation of guns from lawful gun owners. The penalty for violation would be loss of most federal Justice Department grants.

We know. We know. Both Stockman and GOA would like to repeal unconstitutional federal laws as well.

But, practically speaking, we have a good shot at getting the votes necessary to outlaw New York, Connecticut, California, and Maryland’s gun confiscation and registration. And we

believe outlawing these extreme examples of unconstitutional behavior is a shot across the bow of the anti-gunners.

Finally, some members will ask whether the Stockman legislation is going anywhere.

That’s up to you.

If gun owners can convince 100 to 200 House members to cosponsor Stockman’s bill, it will open the door to the possibility of adding it to a must-pass bill, such as the government funding bill (CR) due to be considered in September.

So for the many members who have written us asking what we’re going to do about the abominations in New York and Connecticut, here’s your chance.

Stockman has identified a legislative process. Now it is up to us to provide the grassroots support. ■



An Open Letter to the People of Connecticut: **How citizens of the Constitution State must resist lawless gun control**

by Larry Pratt

For most of us, the saddest day of 2012 was December 14 — the date of the tragic murder of 26 persons at Sandy Hook Elementary School — in

a “gun free” zone.

While a full understanding of the actions of the 20-year old sociopath murderer that day may never be achieved, his uncle reported that he had been prescribed Fanapt, an anti-psychotic medicine known for inducing aggressive behavior.

This is not surprising in the least. One study by British psychiatrist David Healy found that 90 percent of all school shootings in the last decade have been linked to powerful psychotropic drugs. And, schools are generally undefended “gun free” zones.

That day in December was also a defining day for the people of Connecticut, as it separated the state’s politicians from its statesmen. The politicians denied the people’s right to keep and bear arms, taking advantage of a tragedy to further restrict gun freedom. The statesmen stood against a virulent media to defend the protections of our written Constitution.

Although official police reports from the school were suspiciously inconsistent, obviously a firearm of some type was used, and that is where anti-gun Connecticut politicians focused their attention.

Connecticut General Assembly

While the U.S. Congress has thus far been blocked in its efforts to pass unconstitutional new gun laws since

Newtown, the State of Connecticut was a different story.

In 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia proposed the “Connecticut Compromise,” which unified the convention around a two-house legislative system. By contrast, in 2013, members of the Connecticut General Assembly in Hartford became dividers, not unifiers, enacting draconian anti-gun laws which are literally ripping apart the Connecticut body politic.

These anti-gun laws include a prohibition against the ownership of semi-automatic rifles, and even some types

of shotguns, as well as magazines with a capacity of more than ten rounds. Rifles owned on the date the law was enacted were required to be registered for citizens to be able to retain possession. Violation of the law is a felony.

Connecticut’s anti-gun Governor was eager to sign the bill the day after it passed the General Assembly.

In enacting these anti-firearms laws, the Connecticut executive and legislative branches of government have violated both the federal Constitution’s Second Amendment and the Connecticut Constitution’s guarantee that “Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.”

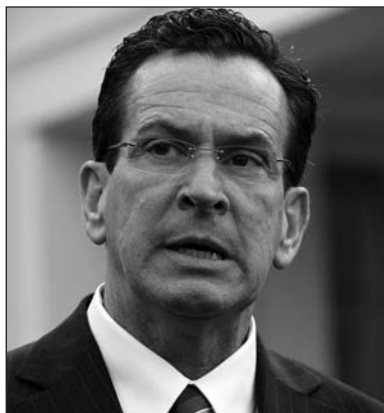
Will officials confiscate firearms from non-complying gun owners?

As many as 300,000 law-abiding gun owners have failed to comply with Connecticut’s updated gun registration requirements. The new registry is an update of older registration requirements that were in place at the time of the tragic shooting.

The state’s largest newspaper, the *Hartford Courant*, has now called for the arrest of the 300,000 non-comply-

Continued on page 4

Gun control unpopular at the polls



Despite being the top executive in a liberal “blue state,” Gov. Dan Malloy (D) — who signed Connecticut’s draconian gun ban into law last year — is running even, or slightly behind, his opponent in seeking reelection.

THE Gun Owners

Sen. H.L. Richardson (Ret.)
Founder and Chairman

Tim Macy
Vice-Chairman

Larry Pratt
Executive Director

Erich Pratt
Director of Communications

Chris Stone
Director of Federal Affairs

GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA
8001 Forbes Place, Suite 102
Springfield, Virginia 22151
703-321-8585

Web Site: <http://www.gunowners.org>

The Gun Owners publication is not copyrighted. Copies may be made freely, but it is requested that attribution be made together with GOA’s address, phone number and web site location.