



# GOA on the Frontlines

*GOA Opposing Gun Control in the Court of Public Opinion*



Gun grabbers in Congress couldn't wait to exploit the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas. So they commenced a multi-million dollar campaign to ram gun control through the House and Senate, even while the nation was still grieving. Several GOA spokespersons—including Erich Pratt, Stephen Willeford, Aidan Johnston, and Antonia Okafor Cover—were called upon to explain to the public why gun control is a dangerous and ineffective solution to such atrocities. Media appearances included *Fox News*, *Newsmax*, *CNN*, *One America News*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *Epoch Times*, *Daily Caller*, and many more.

**GOA members light up Senate switchboard.** “Gun Owners of America mounted a swift, strong opposition to both the House bill and Senate framework. Gun Owners of America urged gun rights supporters to contact their Senators to stop the deal, and [the] ‘no-compromise gun lobby’ group, which boasts more than 2 million members, has spent more than \$43.2 million on lobbying since 1998. Gun Owners of America has more than doubled its annual lobbying expenditures since 2012.”

*Open Secrets*, June 14, 2022



“GOA has seen to it that they call out alleged Republicans when they do compromise, and that’s another reason that I’m proud and honored to be a member of GOA.”

**Royce Bartlett**

*Host of Shooting Straight radio show*



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# GOA Educating Legislators, Holding Traitors Accountable

**GOA Holding the Traitors Accountable.** After almost 30 Republican turncoats voted for gun control in June, GOA began a nationwide campaign to hold the traitors accountable. GOA has rallied gun owners to send tens of thousands of messages to their Representatives and Senators to express their disgust.

GOA also flew out Stephen Willeford, the hero who stopped the Sutherland Springs church shooter, to North Carolina to protest Senator “Traitor Thom” Tillis for his support of the Senate gun control bill. Willeford (pictured here) was a featured speaker at the protest sponsored by Grass Roots North Carolina — and was joined by roughly 100 patriotic Americans, who came out to picket in front of Tillis’ office.



**House GOP leadership relies on GOA opposition.** “In their message of opposition, House Republican leaders [cited] opposition from conservative groups such as **Gun Owners of America**.”

*Business Insider, June 22, 2022*

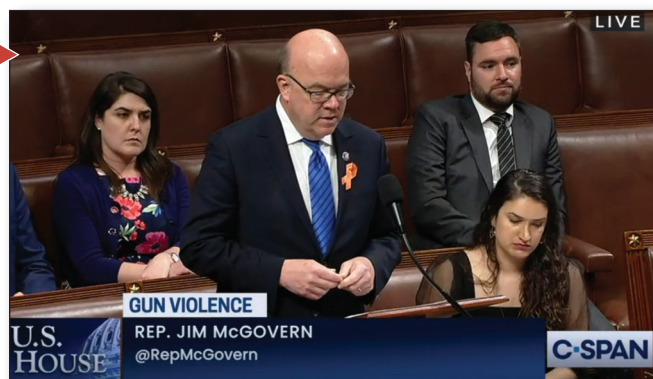


▲ **GOA Holds Education Seminars on Capitol Hill:** Senior Vice President Erich Pratt and Director of Federal Affairs Aidan Johnston had constant meetings on Capitol Hill to explain how the proposed legislation would be ineffective at stopping violence and would infringe on Americans’ Second Amendment rights.

**Anti-gun Democrats Lament Influence of GOA’s Members.**

Democrat Rep. Jim McGovern (MA) *slammed* GOA on the House floor, citing our members’ work to pressure legislators to vote against gun control. Said McGovern: “House Republican leaders told their members to vote against eight gun safety bills citing opposition from the NRA and Gun Owners of America.”

Then, Rep. Sylvia Garcia, a Democrat from Texas, was asked by MSNBC why Republicans usually end up failing to get enough votes on gun control compromises. She attributed a lack of gun control compromises to “Gun Owners of America” because GOA has instilled a “fear of retaliation” (her own words) in Senators who even consider shredding the Second Amendment.



▲ **This June**, GOA celebrated the huge Supreme Court victory in *Bruen*, which is a case where GOA had filed an *amicus* brief. Immediately, our attorneys began working to apply the court’s precedent to local and state gun control restrictions around the country. GOA also conducted a massive media tour, praising the Supreme Court decision. In fact, Ben Shapiro’s *Daily Wire* attributed the “Quote of the Day” to GOA’s Erich Pratt in the aftermath of the victory. Pratt said, “We don’t force people to jump over hurdles before they exercise other rights in the Bill of Rights. And we certainly shouldn’t do that with the Second Amendment, which protects the God-given right of self-defense.”

**Media recognizes influence of GOA members.**

“The political spending and influence of gun-control groups is dwarfed by the NRA, **Gun Owners of America** and other gun interests.”

*Wall Street Journal, May 27, 2022*



**GOA-Backed Constitutional Carry Enacted in Three States**

GOA helped get Constitutional Carry passed in three new states this year — Alabama, Indiana and Ohio. Pictured here: GOA’s Erich Pratt (right) speaks at an Alabama open carry conference and rallies 2A-supporters to speak out in favor of passing permitless carry. Pro-gun Alabama Representative Mo Brooks (R) is pictured on the left.

