

# THE Gun Owners

45 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1976-2021

## GOA Wins Huge Victory in the Courts — Sets precedent for defeating Biden's Executive Actions

by Erich Pratt

Joe Biden has declared war on gun owners. But he is frustrated.

His inability to get his anti-gun agenda passed in Congress has prompted him to use his “legislative pen” instead.

And he is issuing Executive Actions at a dizzying pace.

The President's first gun-related PR (or Proposed Rule) issued by ATF regulates homemade firearms, claims that all sorts of gun parts are magically now “firearms,” and requires gun dealers to keep all 4473 forms until they go out of business.

Upon retiring, dealers are now required to *send all their records to the ATF* (even those which are 20 years old or more) — thus implementing gun owner registration.

Gun Owners of America submitted 47 pages of scathing remarks to ATF on this rulemaking, for a comment period that closes in August.

President Biden's second PR reverses prior ATF guidance and bans most popular pistol-braced firearms, redesignating them as Short Barreled Rifles (SBRs).

Law-abiding gun owners would then be forced to register their firearms with the government, destroy them, or turn them in to ATF. The comment period on this PR ends in September.

Gun Owners of America is in the process of preparing additional comments to be submitted on this second rulemaking.

And should the ATF refuse to back down on either of its proposed rulemakings, GOA is currently lining up plaintiffs to challenge these illegal Executive Actions in federal court.

### GOA's Victory Paves Way for Undoing Biden's Agenda

In late-March, GOA won its bump stock case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

This is a very significant decision and could become a precedent that brings down Joe Biden's entire anti-gun agenda.

**The case is *Gun Owners of America v. Garland* and, to date, it represents the only judicial victory on bump stocks in the entire country.**

The appeals court ruled that “a bump stock cannot be classified as a machine gun because a bump stock does not enable a semiautomatic firearm to fire more than one shot each time the trigger is pulled.”

Not only that, the court ruled that judges cannot give deference to the ATF in interpreting federal statutes, such as the one defining a machine gun, because such laws carry “criminal culpability and penalties.”

This is exactly what GOA argued in its bump stock brief



The Supreme Court is set to take up a Second Amendment-related case concerning New York's over-restrictive and burdensome “may issue” permitting system. And in May, the Supreme Court unanimously rejected the Biden administration's argument that police should be able to confiscate firearms without a warrant. Senior Vice President Erich Pratt is pictured here on One America News discussing GOA's legal strategies in the courts.

before the court.

And this line of argumentation, if applied to Biden's most recent Executive Actions, would require those regulations to be struck down, as well.

### Multiple Pro-gun Legal Victories Frustrate the Anti-Gun Left

Over the past year and a half, state and local authorities either used COVID-19 to shut down gun stores or to delay the issuance of concealed carry permits. Fighting back, GOA has won every single legal battle challenging such infringements.

GOA was also involved in the recent Supreme Court case, *Caniglia v. Strom*, which upheld the Second and Fourth Amendment rights of gun owners.

In that case, the Biden Administration actually argued in favor of letting police confiscate firearms without a warrant.

While this was outrageous, Biden's legal team lost this case by a unanimous 9-0 vote in the Supreme Court!

GOA is aggressively pursuing several other cases in the courts:

- Suing Philadelphia over their ban on homemade guns and for delays related to issuing Concealed Carry permits;
- Challenging illegal ATF actions against concealed carry permit holders in Alabama and Michigan;

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# Gun Owners of America



## ▲ Standing Above the Rest

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (right) has been a star for the Second Amendment during her first term of Congress. Among other battles, she has championed legislation like the Second Amendment Preservation Act which would stop people's tax dollars from being used to enforce gun control. Rep. Greene is pictured here with Antonio Okafor Cover, who interviewed her for GOA's YouTube channel.



## ▲ GOA Striving to Keep the "Wolf" at Bay

GOA's Pennsylvania Director Val Finnell (pictured second from the right) has had his hands full fighting attacks on the right to keep and bear arms from the terribly anti-gun Democrat Governor Tom Wolf. Dr. Finnell has combated unlawful local gun control ordinances, attacks on homemade (self-built) firearms, and much more. Nonetheless, gun owners in the Keystone State are fighting back politically. Pictured from left to right: Pro-gun PA Senators Doug Mastriano and Cris Dush, Dr. Finnell and GOA's Erich Pratt spoke at 2A Sanctuary press conference in May.



## ▲ Keeping the Sunshine State as the Gunshine State

GOA's Florida Director Luis Valdes is working hard to restore the right to keep and bear arms in the Sunshine State. He has rallied gun owners in Florida to push legislation such as Constitutional Carry (HB 123), Church Carry (HB 259), and 2A Sanctuary (HB 1205).



## ▲ GOA Working to Advance Constitutional Carry!

This has been a fantastic year for the right to bear arms as five states — Iowa, Montana, Tennessee, Texas and Utah — have dismantled barriers to personal defense with Constitutional Carry. Pictured here: GOA's Rachel Malone (left) and Felisha Bull (right) join Texas Governor Greg Abbott as he signs Constitutional Carry at the Alamo. GOA spearheaded the work on this bill and singlehandedly led the grassroots-oriented efforts that resulted in its successful passage.

# America on the Frontlines



## ◀ Putting the “Smackdown” on Gun Controllers

Jordan Vinroe is president of JSD Supply, which is the largest distributor of homemade firearm kits in the country. Vinroe recently gifted GOA's John Crump with a wrestling-style belt, recognizing Crump's tireless efforts in his investigative reporting and activism for the Second Amendment. Homemade firearms have been under assault from federal and state governments, and Crump is helping lead the battle to preserve these firearms.

## GOA-backed Show Gets a New Home ▶

*Guns Out TV*, which was recently canceled from its network television slot, has found a new home on the Warrior Poet Society Network. WPSN provides an alternative platform, free from the big tech censors and cancel culture. So be sure to check out this GOA-backed show on the Network! Pictured here from left to right: Sher-michael Singleton, GOA's Jordan Stein and John Keys.



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# GOA Pushing Sanctuary States for Guns

by John Velleco

If we called legally owned guns “undocumented firearms,” would Democrats suddenly support them?

OK, that probably won’t work — but here’s something that might: More and more states are declaring themselves Second Amendment sanctuary states, with the support of Gun Owners of America (GOA).

By now you are all-too-familiar with Democratic attempts to set up sanctuary jurisdictions for illegal aliens. Thirteen states and dozens of counties and cities have policies protecting those who entered the country illegally by obstructing federal immigration enforcement officials trying to bring them to justice and protect the public.

For instance, the sanctuary enclave of Prince George’s County, Maryland, released two illegal alien MS-13 gang bangers who went on — allegedly — to murder a 14-year-old girl, beating her with a baseball bat and stabbing her to death with a machete.

Likewise, police in Kent, Wash. allowed a Honduran national who had already been deported from the U.S. four times to leave a hospital after injuring five corrections staff members; three months later, he was charged with stabbing his cousin to death, decapitating the body, stuffing body parts in a suitcase, and trying to hide the remains in a dumpster.

So sanctuary states for illegal behavior is a lousy idea that gets people killed. But now pro-Second Amendment states are turning the idea on its head by protecting the constitutional rights of state residents.

At the beginning of this year, four states — Alaska, Idaho, Kansas and Wyoming — had already declared themselves Second Amendment sanctuaries.

Then just recently, another eight states enacted GOA-backed legislation to do the same: Arkansas, Arizona, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia.

Not only that, but as all this was going on, the governor of a thirteenth state, Nebraska, made a proclamation to the same effect.

Notice that sanctuary legislation brings states more in line with the U.S. Constitution, which declares that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

As opposed to protecting illegal behavior, these sanctuaries protect Americans from the illegal acts of the government.

Moreover, unlike the radicals releasing illegal alien criminals back into society, these measures would make Americans more secure, helping protect law-abiding gun owners from the radicals inside the Biden administration seeking to restrict our rights.

Declaring our guns “undocumented firearms” may not save them from Democrats — but the heroes declaring their states Second Amendment sanctuary states just might. ■

**“Designating states as ‘Second Amendment sanctuary states’ would protect Americans from illegal acts of government.”**

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- Defending 2A sanctuaries in Oregon (see more information on 2A sanctuaries in the story above); and,
  - Opposing gun control in the states of Washington (I-1639) and Virginia (Universal Background Checks).
- GOA is also involved in several cases at the federal level,

including in the Supreme Court.

Considering all the recent legal victories that gun owners are securing, it’s no wonder that anti-gun radicals are trying to pack the courts in order to stop the hemorrhage.

GOA is fighting back, to block the Schumer-Biden-Pelosi plan to increase the number of seats on the Supreme Court.

And GOA will continue to challenge anti-gun policies and laws throughout the country. ■

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