

The **NO COMPROMISE** *Alliance*

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable John Thune
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Majority Whip Durbin, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Whip Thune:

As members of the Second Amendment Industry, we urge you not to infringe upon the rights of Americans with this recent unconstitutional attack on Americans' gun rights. We, the undersigned members of the firearms industry, value and support the Second Amendment-protected individual right of all of our customers and employees to keep and bear arms free from infringement.

Two particular bills have come to our attention as of recently: H.R. 1808 and H.R. 2814. Both of these bills would do irreparable damage to our industry and likely be the end of business.

H.R. 1808 would ban nearly all semiautomatic firearms and their standard capacity magazines, including the AR-15 and many striker-fired handguns, which are among the most commonly owned firearms today. In addition to these firearms, it would ban many triggers, and inhibit the use of lawfully acquired suppressors, another large part of our industry. For many of us, these arbitrary standards of what makes an "assault weapon" would cover every item that we produce, guaranteeing the failure of our businesses.

A majority of all gun owners, especially the 14 million new gun owners who bought firearms to defend themselves during a period of unrest, would become owners of so-called "semiautomatic assault weapons" and thus be subject to undue and unconstitutional mandates from Congress. Time and time again, these commonly owned firearms have been used for self-defense. According to a 2021 National Firearms Survey from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business Research, there are an estimated 1.67 million defensive uses of a firearm each year. This means that firearms are at least as likely to be used to save lives than to take lives, if not many times more.

As recognized by the federal government after the expiration of the Assault Weapon Ban of 1994, these laws do nothing to save lives or reduce crime. Instead, you will be limiting our customers' ability to defend themselves adequately against criminals.

H.R. 2814 would also repeal the *Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act*, which clarifies that firearm manufacturers are not responsible for crimes committed using the tools they sell, as is the case with every other industry. To allow otherwise would be as ridiculous as suing automotive manufacturers for pedestrian deaths based upon the malevolence of the drivers, rather than the deficiencies of the car's design.

The right to bear arms is fundamental, not only to our system of checks and balances, but also to our culture as Americans. To allow such lawsuits to be filed against industry would become a tactic for wealthy anti-gun lobbies to bankrupt us and unilaterally repeal the Second Amendment through monetary warfare.

Allowing the firearm industry, which is essential for the Second Amendment, to be sued into oblivion despite the clear and present need to arm the public, would be a tragic failure of your oath to uphold the Constitution of this great nation.

Congress should not be focused on unconstitutional legislation which yields no results, but instead be working to reduce the number of restrictions on lawful gun owners so they can be empowered to defend themselves against criminals.

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