

# GOA's Top Gun Rights Highlights for 2022



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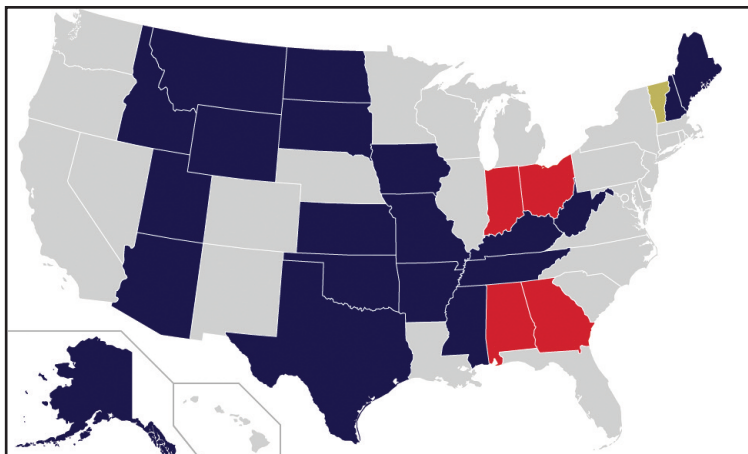


*"GOA has done a hell of a job."*

— Jared Vanis  
GOA Life Member,  
*Guns & Gadgets*, commenting  
on GOA's victory in Oregon  
(Dec. 17, 2022)

## GOA scores more than half a dozen legal victories in 2022

The *Bruen* decision this summer has opened the floodgates for lawsuits to challenge many state and local laws that are inconsistent with the Second Amendment. And GOA's legal team has been leading the fight all over the country, securing victories against oppressive licensing systems or gun bans in Connecticut, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Not only that, GOA won a preliminary injunction against Oregon's magazine ban, in addition to securing a temporary restraining order against the state's draconian permit-to-purchase law. ■



## Four states enact GOA-backed Constitutional Carry in 2022

Exactly one-half of the states have now enacted permitless carry legislation. This threshold was reached after four new states (in red) joined the Constitutional Carry Club in 2022. The blue states are ones where GOA-backed legislation passed in prior years. In addition to fighting for more permitless carry in 2023, GOA will also continue to push for concealed carry reciprocity legislation in Congress. ■



## Anti-gun Democrats rail against the influence of GOA members and activists

Aidan Johnston, GOA Director of Federal Affairs, gave several legislative briefings on Capitol Hill this year.

GOA lobbyists pounded the pavement on Capitol Hill this year; and the enemies of the Second Amendment were howling. 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.

Rep. Garcia attributed a lack of gun control compromises to "Gun Owners of America" because GOA has instilled a "fear of retaliation" (her own words) into Senators who would even consider shredding the Second Amendment. Statements like this from Rep. Garcia and others on Capitol Hill are a testament to the hard work of GOA members, who frequently respond to GOA's alerts by contacting their elected representatives. ■



## GOA slams gun bans and 1000% tax on semi-auto rifles

GOA members lobbied hard in 2022 against a ban on commonly-owned firearms and a proposed tax on so-called "assault weapons." Thankfully, both measures failed this past year.

GOA also testified in Congress against the gun ban. Antonia Okafor Cover, who is GOA's Women's Outreach National Director, laid out the benefits of the AR-15 for self-defense for women and received tremendous kudos for her efforts. One GOA member said, "Antonia killed it in front of Congress!" And another stated Antonia's testimony had encouraged him to sign up for a GOA Life Membership. ■



## GOA grassroots puts heat on Sen. Joe Manchin to kill most gun control

GOA generated more than 2,500 calls into Sen. Manchin's office in just eight days to solidify his opposition against a Democrat-led attempt to repeal the filibuster. The filibuster forces Senators to first clear a 60-vote threshold, before any legislation can pass with a mere 51 votes. Manchin's vote was essential to protecting this important procedural safeguard in a Senate that has been deadlocked at 50-50 along party lines.

Had Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer succeeded in destroying the filibuster, the floodgates would have been opened for Democrats to ram through lots of gun control for Joe Biden to sign. ■



# Antonyuk v. Nigrelli

## Ivan Antonyuk

Father  
Friend  
Ukrainian  
American  
GOA Member




## GOA files appeal to U.S. Supreme Court in New York case

After the Supreme Court handed down the *Bruen* decision in June, New York introduced a new set of unconstitutional restrictions on carrying a firearm. In *Antonyuk v. Nigrelli*, GOA secured a preliminary injunction blocking a large portion of the infringements in November. But given that the state was able to obtain a temporary stay of the District Court’s ruling, GOA has now officially appealed this stay to the U.S. Supreme Court. Keep watch for updates in 2023 on this important case! ■

## GOA reaches millions of potential voters

It’s not enough to fight in the halls of Congress, state capitols, and the courts. GOA is fighting for the hearts and minds of Americans. This year, people stated how GOA “convinced me that restrictions such as background checks should not exist” and that “you changed my mind entirely on gun control.”

Thanks to the generous support of GOA members, our spokesmen appeared in more than 15,000 thousand traditional media outlets (radio, TV and newspaper) — reaching hundreds of millions of people. And we reached over 40 million people on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram — such as what’s shown here. ■





### Grassroots activists force ATF to backtrack multiple times

GOA members submitted more than 120,000 comments in opposition to two of Biden’s executive actions on gun control. The outpouring of opposition was so overwhelming, that even the ATF acknowledged the role that GOA played in forcing the agency to retreat.

Among the several examples where ATF backtracked from its initial plans: Gun owners will not be criminally charged for assembling an illegal “ghost gun,” simply because they cleaned and re-assembled their firearm. And gun owners are no longer required to serialize (read: register) every new magazine, barrel or trigger that they use to upgrade their existing firearms. ■

## Lambasting background checks in Congress and in the court of public opinion

## GOA'S Erich Pratt DESTROYS BACKGROUND CHECKS



Congress has frequently tried to impose gun owner registration through the guise of Universal Background Checks (UBCs). But GOA has opposed these tyrannical infringements each and every time. In addition to helping defeat UBCs this year in Congress, GOA also debated the topic in the media. Senior Vice President, Erich Pratt, who is an established expert on firearm policy and is a coveted guest on different shows, demonstrated how background checks don’t stop criminals from getting guns, but inevitably delay the ability of law-abiding citizens to purchase or carry firearms. ■

## GOA works to pass 2A sanctuary law with the strongest penalty in nation

GOA labored hard in Wyoming this year to enact a Second Amendment Protection Act (SAPA) that contains the toughest penalties in the country. This means that any state or local official who helps enforce Biden’s illegal gun control laws could face a year in jail. The SAPA movement now stands at 16 states, thanks to the efforts of GOA members. Picture here is GOA’s Wyoming Director Mark Jones (right) with the pro-gun leader of the House, Rep. Mark Jennings (R). ■



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