



## Second Amendment Plan

### *Protecting the Constitutional Rights of Americans*

When the Founding Fathers ratified the Bill of Rights on December 15th, 1791, they included the Second Amendment to ensure every American had “the right... to keep and bear Arms.” They went on to affirm that this right “shall not be infringed.” For more than 200 years, sportsmen, hunters, and lawful gun owners have embraced our Second Amendment rights, which we all share as Americans.

Since I was elected to public office, one of my top priorities has always been to preserve and uphold this sacred constitutional right. While the Biden and Hochul Administrations seek to criminalize legal gun ownership and attack our basic constitutional rights, I have fought tenaciously to defend the Second Amendment. In 2022, the Supreme Court ruled in *NYSRPA v. Bruen* that New York State’s concealed carry law was unconstitutional, the most significant win for Second Amendment rights in over a decade. I was honored to lead an amicus brief, co-signed by 175 of my colleagues, urging the Supreme Court to rule against New York State and in favor of law-abiding gun owners. This case represents a major step in restoring our founders’ vision of our constitutional rights.

I have long championed the rights and interests of law-abiding New York gun owners and will continue to do so by fighting against any efforts to infringe on these rights, through new, unnecessary regulation. My plan will build on the progress achieved by *NYSRPA v. Bruen*. This means forcefully opposing efforts by Democrats in Albany and Washington to infringe on the Second Amendment and even regulate gun ownership out of existence. It also works to build upon existing efforts to safeguard our Second Amendment rights.

### **Combating Governor Hochul’s Anti-Second Amendment Agenda**

1. **Introduced H.Res. 45, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that New York State’s Concealed Carry Improvement Act is unconstitutional:** This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the CCIA is unconstitutional and that the courts should immediately strike down the CCIA. After the Supreme Court struck down New York’s Sullivan Law in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, Albany Democrats violated the decision to pass the CCIA, an even more outrageous law. The CCIA, among other things, requires concealed carry permit applicants to turn over their personal social media accounts, mandates interviews with state officials, and broadly bans the concealed carry of weapons in a range of public and private locations. Once again, I am leading the charge to have this unconstitutional law struck down.
2. **Cosponsored H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act:** This bill would ensure all states that allow concealed carry, such as New York, maintain reciprocity with other states with concealed carry permits. This would allow New York residents to maintain

their concealed carry rights in almost every other state and visitors from other states to maintain their concealed carry rights while traveling.

3. **Cosponsored H.R. 3492, GRIP Act:** This legislation prohibits states and localities from using federal funding to store sensitive, personal information obtained during a federal background check. Under current law, the federal government cannot store information acquired during the firearms background process. The GRIP Act would ensure the federal government does not support any efforts by New York State to collect and store personally identifiable information related to legal firearm purchases and ownership. Gunowners should not have to permanently sacrifice their privacy or risk identity theft for simply exercising their Second Amendment constitutional right.

### **Stopping the Biden Administration's Gun Grab**

1. **Introduced H.R. 5161, the Protecting Hunting and Archery in Schools Act:** In July 2023, the Biden Administration's Department of Education released guidance that it was restricting federal funds for schools with hunting, shooting, or archery programs, citing language included in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BCSA) passed last year. This legislation will repeal this language, allowing millions of school-aged children to once again participate in these important enrichment opportunities and be responsibly introduced to these sports.
2. **Cosponsored H.R. 1271, the No REGISTRY Rights Act:** This bill prevents the federal government from building a federal firearms registry by requiring the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to delete all existing firearm transaction records accumulated by the ATF. The bill would also require Federal Firearm Licensees (FFLs) to destroy their firearm transaction records once they go out of business, ensuring the ATF cannot accumulate these records. The ATF has no business maintaining a digital, searchable database of law-abiding gun owners that could be used for future gun confiscation.
3. **Cosponsored H.J.Res. 44, The Pistol Brace CRA:** This act would repeal the ATF's unconstitutional pistol brace rule. In 2012, pistol stabilizing braces were created to help disabled individuals, including many veterans, better stabilize their pistols while shooting. Now, over a decade later, the Biden Administration is abusing the National Firearms Act to arbitrarily declare pistols with stabilizing braces as short-barreled rifles (SBRs), which is clearly out of line with the law. Even the Obama Administration's ATF ruled that pistols with stabilizing braces are not SBRs. These onerous new requirements could lead to otherwise lawful gun owners facing up to 10 years in jail and thousands of dollars in fines if they don't register pistols with stabilizing braces with the ATF. This CRA would overturn this ridiculous new rule and protect the Second Amendment rights of disabled Americans.

### **Upholding the Rights of Law-Abiding Gun Owners**

1. **Introduced H.R.962, Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act:** This legislation modifies federal bankruptcy law to allow an individual debtor to exempt from their bankruptcy estate one or more firearms up to a total maximum value of \$3,000. No American should ever have to sacrifice their constitutional rights because of their financial situation. The Second Amendment is a constitutional right for all Americans, including those experiencing financial hardship. I am honored to lead this important legislation that protects the rights of gun owners everywhere, no matter their financial situation.
2. **Cosponsored H.R.790, RIFLE Act:** This legislation would remove the ridiculous excise tax on firearms and attachments governed under the National Firearms Act, including SBRs and silencers. As government officials, we have an obligation to work to preserve and expand Americans' Constitutional rights, not put up new barriers to exercising these rights. This tax creates an unnecessary burden on law-abiding gun owners, and I will continue fighting to repeal it.
3. **Cosponsored H.R. 705, the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act:** This legislation prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from reporting a veteran to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for using a fiduciary to manage VA benefits. The VA benefit system is unnecessarily complicated, and appointing a fiduciary does not inherently mean a veteran is unable to responsibly handle a firearm. Further, this law only disincentivizes veterans from coming forward and getting the assistance they need out of fear of having their constitutional rights taken away. Throughout our nation's history, America's veterans have put so much on the line to defend our country and safeguard our freedoms. We must ensure that our veterans are able to fairly exercise their constitutional rights that they fought so hard to protect.
4. **Cosponsored H.R 4860, PROTECT the 2nd Amendment Act:** This legislation ensures that residents living in federally-assisted housing may lawfully possess firearms. This commonsense legislation would ensure that landlords and rental property managers receiving federal funds and vouchers cannot restrict the constitutional rights of their tenants. The federal government should always stand in favor of individual's Second Amendment rights, and allowing federal housing to restrict this right is unconscionable.

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