

## **Right to Keep and Bear Arms**

### **In Their Own Words**

*"And I said they should be banned...And I said,...I want you to know, Cindy, I cannot say that."* New York congressional candidate Tedra Cobb when asked whether she thought assault weapons should be banned

*"Do not say that you want an assault rifle ban, because you will not win."* Tracia Pleau, "Moms Demand Action"

*"Gun violence is political because lobbyists pay our politicians for their inaction. Gun violence is a uniquely American crisis for that reason."* Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action (funded by Michael Bloomberg) in a tweet

*"On Wednesday, we are sending a directive to all gun manufacturers and dealers that makes clear that the sale of these copycat assault weapons is illegal in Massachusetts. With this directive, we will ensure we get the full protection intended when lawmakers enacted our assault weapons ban, not the watered-down version of those protections offered by gun manufacturers."* Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey announcing her office was ratcheting up enforcement of the state's assault weapon ban by targeting weapons similar to AR-15s and AK-47s.

*"I take the responsibility of speaking up on the important issues of our day very seriously... But as business leaders with power in the public and political arenas, we simply cannot stand by silently when it comes to the issues that threaten the very fabric of the communities where we live and work....Americans shouldn't have to live in fear of gun violence."* Levi Strauss President and CEO Chip Bergh

*"...the NRA has suffered lasting damage since the Parkland shooting. In fact, the group is now underwater, and shows no signs of bouncing back."* A new report from the progressive think tank Navigator Research

### **Democrat Party Pushing Gun Restrictions in 2018 Midterms**

Arizona -(Ammoland.com)- The Democrat party has moved considerably to the left for the 2018 midterm elections. As part of that strategy, they have wholeheartedly embraced gun control as a winning issue. Here is a Democrat strategist explaining their thoughts on July 6th. Opinion from usatoday.com:

Since 1994, Democrats have shied away from gun safety believing that this fight is nearly impossible for Democrats to engage in and win because NRA supporters are more organized, energized and monetized.

2018 could finally be the end of 1994

Now, less than 125 days to another midterm election, the times they are a'changing. Obviously, there are vitally important stakes in this election, like control of Congress, and

existential stakes, like defeating President Donald Trump's chorus of congressional "yes-men." But there's more that this election could do: After almost 25 years, 2018 could finally be the end of 1994.

The Democrats are counting on anti-Trumpian energy to overcome the more motivated and numerous Second Amendment supporters. It seems a poor bet. Polls have become increasingly unreliable as shown in 2016.

In February, NPR found (in a poll) that support for gun control was fading. They suggested that Democrats not use it as a major plank in their strategy. From npr.org:

While almost half of all registered voters (46 percent) say a candidate's position on gun policy will be a major factor in deciding whom to vote for, that number is down 13 points from February, when a shooting at a Florida high school sparked outrage.

So if Democrats are counting on guns to motivate their voters to get to the polls, maybe they shouldn't. There has been a major drop among Democrats on the issue — down 21 points over the past two months. In February, 74 percent of Democrats called it a major factor in deciding their vote in February, but now just 53 percent say so.

The issue has faded among independents, too, dropping from 54 percent to 42 percent who said gun policy would have a major impact on their vote.

Historically, Democrats have lost when they play the gun control card. In the intervening years since 1994, people with gun carry permits have become 8 percent or more of voting adults in most swing states. The places with few permits are reliable Democrat bastions like California, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts and Hawaii. Those places are generally not contested. Even in California, the counties where Republicans hold seats have large numbers of people with gun permits. Most indications are the number of gun owners have grown.

A source on the East coast has said that ads promoting gun control as an issue for the 2018 midterms are saturating the area.

It is better the Democrats come out in the open with their agenda, instead of hiding it, attempting to fool the people in emotional moments. But they have re-branded their effort, calling it "gun safety". An opinion piece by Greg Lee Carter at the Baltimore Sun summed up the choices. Opinion from the baltimoresun.com:

But the most important and serious action you can take, if you really want serious federal gun control successfully legislated, is to vote Democratic in 2018 and 2020.

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/09/democrat-party-pushing-gun-restrictions-in-2018-midterms/>

### **Corporate Gun Control**

Media Elites and Billion-dollar Companies are censoring the most important information that you need to see. Further there is a trend where large corporations are instituting policies that target gun manufacturers, dealers, and owners.

The gun control enterprise has been frustrated to get their restrictions imposed by legislative action. Despite the hyping of mass shootings, gun control has made little headway. Of course there are many reasons for this which is not the point of this thought train. Out of this frustration has come a new tactic – what I call corporate gun control.

The anti-liberty and freedom billionaires that fund gun control have begun to put pressure on their leftist friends that own or lead companies and corporations in this country.

We already have written about Dick's Sporting Goods. Bank of America has instituted policies where they will deny loans for those in the gun business. If a gun dealer needs capital to expand their facilities or inventory and they do business with Bank of America, they will be denied. I'll highlight a couple of the latest companies.

### Another Day, Another Company Severs Ties With Firearm Industry

Posted at 10:00 am on September 7, 2018 by Tom Knighton

Second Call Defense serves tens of thousands of America's gun owners. They provide support, including legal insurance to those who lawfully use their firearms to defend innocent life from criminal attack. Now, however, Second Call has joined the ranks of gun-related companies that have been victimized by corporate gun control bigots.

Without any notice to Second Call, their insurance administrator, AmWINS, mailed certified letters to all of Second Call's members. Inside, a "Notice of Nonrenewal of Insurance" informing members that their policies would not renew in October. In one Guns Save Life member's case, that meant his coverage would terminate on 10/13/2018.

Insurance administrators handle the transaction processing, billing and other tasks. And in this case, AmWINS no longer has the backs of Second Call's members or Second Call Defense.

"They [AmWINS] just decided they were not going to offer this anymore in today's political environment," Marquet told me. He said Second Call's leadership had no idea of AmWINS' decision until their members began calling with questions and concerns.

The Truth About Guns reports that Second Call was caught off guard by AmWINS's decision. Especially since they bypassed Second Call and sent the notice directly to the customers.

Here's the problem with this, though. While AmWINS is free to do business or not do business with anyone it wants, its stunt is just the latest salvo as anti-gun companies try to hurt the firearm industry by denying them services, often services they've been providing for years prior without any issue.

This is contributing to the increasing divisiveness in this country. It's a kind of economic civil war, where soon companies will have to openly wear their allegiances on their sleeves so customers can pick and choose based on politics and not price. It's sad, but this is a precedent that will probably soon become the norm.

### Levi Strauss President and CEO Chip Bergh joins the gun control movement

On top of our previous actions like banning gun owners in their stores, Levi Strauss & Co. is lending its support for gun violence prevention by teaming with the gun control group "Everytown for Gun Safety." Levi Strauss is committing money and employees time to every gun control cause that comes their way.

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/chrisreeves/2018/09/05/levis-ceo-announces-new-partnership-with-bloomberg-to-push-gun-bans-fund-radical-groups-n2516048>

### Medical Gun Experts? AMA, Give Me A Break....

The leftist American Medical Association (AMA) puts political pressure on doctor/members to discourage patients from being gun-owners.

Doctors are instructed to ask patients if they own guns, and then advise them to get rid of all of them!

Many doctors, particularly my students, ignore this sleazy, leftist, political propaganda, but many others adhere to it, even asking patients to fill-out forms where they are asked if they own guns.

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/07/medical-gun-experts/#ixzz5M5IIISvD>

### **Anti-Gun Rights State of the Month - Massachusetts**

#### Mass. AG moves to ban sales of 'copycat assault weapons'

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Massachusetts state Attorney General Maura Healey this week announced she is going after anything that looks assault-weapon like in the state, with an interchangeability test on gun actions as a tool in her hunt.

AG Maura Healey recently put gun shops and would-be owners on notice that she is halting the sales of many types of "Massachusetts-compliant" semi-auto rifles.

Healey announced that her office was ratcheting up enforcement of the state's assault weapon ban by targeting guns whose actions are similar to AR-15s and AK-47s but meet current cosmetic requirements such as being sold without features such as a flash suppressor, bayonet lug or telescoping stock. She contends as many as 10,000 such rifles were sold in the Commonwealth in 2015.

"That will end now," wrote Healy in an announcement phrased as an editorial in the Boston Globe. "On Wednesday, we are sending a directive to all gun manufacturers and dealers that makes clear that the sale of these copycat assault weapons is illegal in Massachusetts. With this directive, we will ensure we get the full protection intended when lawmakers enacted our assault weapons ban, not the watered-down version of those protections offered by gun manufacturers."

Baystate Firearms, of Peabody, and Cape Gun Works, of Hyannis, filed their challenge in a Suffolk County court on Wednesday to Healey's 2016 enforcement action. The shops argue that instead of enforcing the state's "assault weapon" ban as written, Healey issued an "entirely new interpretation" of the law that deemed some constitutionally protected firearms once considered "Massachusetts compliant" as illegal.

The lawsuit filed recently argues that the state lawmakers who crafted the current law only allowed a "features test" similar to the now-expired federal assault weapon ban, not a similarity test, which was only added by Healey without legislation or public input.

Although not named as a plaintiff, the lawsuit is supported by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, who has argued the new interpretation by Healey compromised the retailers' livelihoods without increasing public safety. Larry Keane, the organization's senior vice president and general counsel, said that Healey and her staff "clearly overreached their statutory authority and decided to legislate from that office without the benefit of any public process and in total disregard of 18 years of Massachusetts firearm law, under which firearm retailers operated." <https://bearingarms.com/tom-k/2018/08/16/new-lawsuit-filed-massachusetts-attorney-generals-assault-weapon-expansion/>

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