

BLOOMBERG BOUGHT VIRGINIA, NOW HE'S TRYING TO BUY U.S.

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BELLEVUE, WA – Anti-gun billionaire Michael Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety lobbying group will spend at least \$60 million to support gun control candidates in 2020, leading the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms to declare "Last year he bought Virginia, now he's trying to buy the United States."

"Virginia was a test of Bloomberg's buying power," CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb observed, "and look how that has worked out. Now his gun prohibition lobbying group is promising to roll out the big bucks to buy state legislative and congressional races nationwide. He is weaponizing his wealth in an attempt to purchase the presidency, along with Capitol Hill and every state legislature in hopes of forcing every American to live under his dictates."

Bloomberg's surrogates are reportedly focusing on 13 states including Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin. The effort also is targeting Republican Senators Cory Gardner of Colorado and Martha McSally of Arizona for defeat.

"Gun owners cannot allow Bloomberg to buy their gun rights," Gottlieb warned. "The Constitution is not for sale, no matter how much money some wealthy demagogue is willing to spend.

"If anyone thinks Bloomberg is scary as a candidate," he continued, "they will be downright terrified if he were to actually win the White House and have a majority of state and federal lawmakers beholden to him for getting them elected. That kind of power should never be allowed.

"We have watched Bloomberg's money influence politics in Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Colorado and elsewhere with considerable alarm," Gottlieb stated, "and now his Everytown lobbying group is not even being subtle about its intentions. Their goal is to oust as many pro-rights public officials as possible this fall, paving the way for the kind of government our forefathers threw off 234 years ago.

"This is a call to action," he stated, "for every gun owner in the country to get engaged. Be sure you're registered to vote at your current address, and make sure your friends and family members are registered. Start organizing get-out-the-vote efforts in your communities. Get involved in political campaigns and actively support candidates who support your rights, and above all, make protecting the Second Amendment your personal responsibility.

"Michael Bloomberg's wealth does not give him the right to determine anyone else's rights," Gottlieb said. "America's gun owners can't let this country go on the auction block. There are no dollar signs on the Bill of Rights, not now, not ever."

From: Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

FEDERAL JUDGE DENIES MOTION TO DISMISS SAF/NRA I-1639 COURT CHALLENGE

BELLEVUE, WA – A U.S. District Court judge in Tacoma has denied a motion by defendants to dismiss a federal lawsuit challenging Washington State’s gun control Initiative 1639, ruling that law-abiding gun owners and firearms retailers do not have to violate the law and risk punishment in order to challenge infringements of the Second Amendment.

SAF and NRA are joined by two gun dealers, one in Spokane and the other in Clark County, plus four young adults who are directly affected by provisions of the initiative.

U.S. District Court Judge Ronald B. Leighton handed down the decision.

“The long delay is over,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “The important aspects of the motion to dismiss have been denied. Just as important, the judge’s ruling treats the Second Amendment as any other fundamental individual right that is constitutionally protected.”

The federal lawsuit challenges provisions of the controversial, multi-faceted initiative on the grounds that it violates the commerce clause by banning sales of rifles to non-residents, and that it unconstitutionally impairs the rights guaranteed by the First, Second and Fourteenth Amendments, and Article I Section 24 of the Washington State constitution by preventing the sale of certain rifles to otherwise qualified adults under age 21.

The 30-page gun control measure was passed in November. Under its provisions, young adults under age 21 can no longer purchase semiautomatic rifles of any type or caliber, because they all fall within the overly broad definition of a “semiautomatic assault rifle” as contained in initiative language. The measure also requires a 10-day waiting period, so-called “enhanced background checks” and a fee to pay for additional paperwork, plus other provisions.

“Our supporters have been asking for months about the lawsuit’s progress,” Gottlieb said. “Now we can report that the long wait for a ruling on the motion to dismiss is over, and we won the first round. And now the state, and the initiative proponents, are on the defensive.”

From: Second Amendment Foundation

SAF WARNS OF NEW ‘GUN CONTROL PLAYBOOK’ TO PUSH ‘RED FLAG’ LAWS

BELLEVUE, WA – The Second Amendment Foundation is cautioning the public about a new “toolkit” for gun control lobbying groups to help them campaign for passage of so-called “red flag” laws that create “Extreme Risk Protection Orders” designed to take firearms from people based on allegations from family members, intimate partners or others, raising concerns about due process.

The document was produced jointly by the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, the Giffords gun control group and the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence.

“This document,” noted SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb, “raises alarms because there’s a lot in it about taking someone’s guns, but only two paragraphs about returning firearms to their rightful owner.”

He recalled an earlier 80-page guide, reportedly paid for by Michael Bloomberg’s Mayors Against Illegal Guns, discovered during an Internet search, that provided strategies to anti-gun groups for mounting gun control campaigns in their communities. He co-authored a book about that experience titled “Dancing In Blood: Exposing the Gun Ban Lobby’s Playbook to Destroy Your Rights.”

Gottlieb’s alarms were raised by the inclusion of a letter from a California sheriff’s official that referred to a May 2014 multiple murder in Isla Vista, California as “a shooting spree.”

“Six victims in that rampage were stabbed or slashed to death,” Gottlieb recalled. “It also suggests the shooting occurred at the University of California, Santa Barbara campus, but it didn’t. The term ‘gun violence’ appears throughout, but there’s not a word about ‘knife violence’ nor any mention of the fact that the killer bought three firearms, all legally with background checks and waiting periods.

“We’re all for preventing violent crimes and tragedies such as suicide,” he added, “but there are genuine civil rights and due process concerns related to the use of such orders to disarm someone, following a court hearing they may not even be aware of, before they have a chance to defend against any allegations. This guide asserts guns are ‘temporarily’ removed, but that is not really be the case in some instances.

“This document calls itself a ‘toolkit’ for saving lives,” Gottlieb said, “but it talks more about taking guns from people than protecting their rights and means of self-defense. So far as we can tell, this is just another gun control strategy guide aimed at preventing gun ownership rather than preventing tragedies.”

From: Second Amendment Foundation

TO MY NEW CONCEALED CARRY FRIEND

by Alan Peterson

Congratulations! And, it’s about time!

You finally took that step—the step that allows you to more consistently protect yourself, your family, friends and anyone threatened with deadly violence. It wasn’t that long ago that I was in your shoes—a new concealed carry permit, a new firearm and a new future. Yes, a new future.

Once you make the commitment to carry, your life is different. Though you didn't ask for this, let me share a few thoughts about your new life.

First, you'll find that your new associates with concealed-carry permits are careful, responsible and trustworthy people. This is a serious commitment for serious people. By carrying, you are saying that you are willing to step into the void between evil and innocence and that you will accept the consequences. It isn't easy. After you've been carrying for a while, however, the fear, anxiety and excitement will wear off and you'll realize that carrying concealed is an important contribution to a civil society.

You've taken upon yourself the responsibility to protect those around you. Despite what the mainstream media says, this is the opposite of machismo.

Hopefully, you now will find yourself more aware of what's happening around you. You will be thinking about how you would act if the unthinkable happens. Let's be clear: It probably won't. The chances of you ever having to use the protection tool you now carry are infinitesimal. But, as one person said to me, "It's not the odds; it's the stakes." We carry because the stakes are so high.

You'll probably worry about things like how to carry, whether or not to carry a round in the chamber and more. The first time you carry you will think that everyone can see your gun. You will feel like you must stand out like a sore thumb. Would a different holster print less? Would it be less obvious to carry appendix or strong side? Remember, you will only draw attention if you do things to draw attention. So keep carrying and training.

There's no substitute for putting in the time and building your experience. A good place to find all the expert instruction you need is NRAInstructors.org. (*Editor's Note: Or your local club, like the Poulosbo Sportsman Club!*) You'll soon find that your confidence grows as you get more experience and try different options.

Initially, you may feel more comfortable if you carry with the chamber empty. My advice is to get over that. With the proper holster and the right attention, I think you are much safer with a round in the chamber. If that infinitesimal chance occurs you will need every millisecond of advantage. The time it takes to chamber a round and present may be too much time—the difference between life and death.

Your permit is only the first step—the gateway. To be able to effectively respond to the emergencies that can occur, you must continually improve your skills. Dry-firing, target practice, simulations ... it all plays a part.

As important as the physical training is, you must also train yourself mentally. First, your mindset. You must prepare yourself to act. You must prepare yourself mentally to take immediate and decisive action. In spite of the possible fear and the unknown, you must be willing to be one of the minority who will stand up and act.

How do you get the confidence to act responsibly in an emergency? I already mentioned it—training.

Next, you must never stop learning about the Second Amendment and all it implies. Where did it come from? Who influenced its inclusion in the U.S. Bill of Rights? Why is it so relevant today? What threats does it face? You must be educated in order to educate others to thereby insure your future (and your kids' future) as a gun owner. This is one reason why an NRA membership is so important. We are fortunate to live in one of the very few countries where citizens can keep and bear arms—don't take it for granted!

Finally, encourage and help others to take this responsibility seriously. That way, you'll help protect this incredible freedom.

Again, congratulations. Let's hit the range and exercise our rights!

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