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Overbearing taxation, draconian regulations, and laws that hold the owner of a stolen firearm responsible for someone else's misuse is mindboggling.

One just needs to look at History, as well as current history of other parts of the world to understand that we have something unique here in the United States. We have "Guaranteed Rights", added by the founding fathers, and believed by its Citizenry, of all genders.

Please do not limit our rights. Please expand on them. Rather than take away the ability to have access to our 2A rights and all that entails, please expand on them. I would suggest that we expand the training of our populace instead of further restrictions on them.

While it is desirable to reduce the number of events involving the misuse of firearms, statistically this misuse is less likely to curbed via reduction in legal ownership, but increased.

It has been shown over and over that when responsible owners are present in a community the potential for misuse is greatly reduced.

Laws and restrictive practices hamper law abiding citizens to an exponential degree over those considered to be "criminal". Criminals typically disregard laws, and feel that they are made for the weak, and that since they are not week, they don't have to follow the laws, and it just makes them happy that they won't have anyone to resist their lawlessness.

Please do not restrict our rights as to the make, model, or limit our ability to utilize these useful tools by putting draconian "lock up" requirements on us. Please do not turn your law abiding citizenry into criminals by making them responsible for actions that someone else might carry out using.

In addition, please do not mandate registration of our firearms. There is a reason we have undercover officers, and other means of keeping our citizens anonymous. If ownership information is leaked, stolen, or compromised, this can harm our citizenry.

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