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Illinois State Representatives, Legislators, and Law Enforcement Officers.

Oppose Firearms Registration (SB1413)

An open letter to Representatives, Legislators, and LEOs (law enforcement officers)

As a veteran I consider my oath not mere words, but a solemn commitment and duty to both support and defend the Constitution, and I know you do too. The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are what define the ideal of America.

We are not truly freemen in Illinois. We are not allowed to exercise our 2nd Amendment "right" until granted permission from Mother State by requiring the FOID application.

The proposal in SB1413, the Firearms Registration Act, would be an unacceptable further infringement on a right that "shall not be infringed." (1) This is why I strongly oppose this proposal and hope you would too.

Constitution signer John Dickinson,

like many of the others in his day, defined an inalienable right as a right "**which God gave to you and which no inferior power has a right to take away.**" Our Founders believed that it was the duty of government to protect inalienable, or God-granted, rights from encroachment or usurpation.

The Second Amendment was to protect what was frequently called "**the first law of nature**" - **the right of self-protection**. This right of self-protection was, in fact, considered an inalienable right - a right guaranteed to every citizen individually. ("The Second Amendment" by David Barton)

Support of the Firearms Registration Act (SB1413) would be a violation of your Constitutional oath, it would be un-American, and it would give support for blood-thirsty oppressors. May it never be!

"Gun" control is in fact an attempt at people control. Firearms are inanimate objects; neither good nor bad. If in fact they were bad then we would see chaos, murder, and destruction in every street in the state at every hour of the day. However, it just is not true.

Connecticut passed a similar law, to which the vast majority of citizens of that state did not comply. (2) **Will Law Enforcement Officers be willing to kill and be killed to enforce a would be tyrant's people control law?**

I need not remind you that would be tyrants have attempted this very thing throughout history? Some successfully, and some not.

The Jim Crow laws, for example, during the civil rights movement in America that attempted to prevent black people from owning firearms (unsuccessful). (3)

Or maybe Rwanda. They were successful at "gun control", and an estimated 500,000 Tutsi and

Christian citizens were murdered afterward. Here are a few more that were successful at gun control and the subsequent result: (4)

- Cambodia: estimated 3,000,000 (Million) murdered
- Uganda: estimated 600,000 murdered
- China: estimated 60,000,000 (Million) murdered
- Germany: estimated 13,000,000 (Million) murdered
- Soviet Union: estimated 1,500,000 (Million) murdered

And let us not forget one last unsuccessful attempt, the American Revolution!

According to Jonas Clark, Pastor of the Church of Lexington, whom was with Samuel Adams and John Hancock, it was the attempted confiscation of arms by "blood-thirsty oppressors" that led to the Shot heard round the world. (5)

One final history lesson and warning from Kitty Werthmann who survived the gun registering, gun confiscating, blood-thirsty oppressor, Adolf Hitler:

"Next came gun registration. People were getting injured by guns. Hitler said that the real way to catch criminals (we still had a few) was by matching serial numbers on guns. Most citizens were law abiding and dutifully marched to the police station to register their firearms. Not long afterwards, the police said that it was best for everyone to turn in their guns. The authorities already knew who had them, so it was futile not to comply voluntarily.

(Kitty Werthmann , warning about Hitler in Austria, Ref. 6)

To conclude, the Second Amendment was established to protect every person's God given right of self-protection. Therefore, infringement of the Second Amendment is not only a violation against individuals, but a crime against God.

Illinois is suffering from an exodus of businesses and fruitful families because of failed socialistic and financial policies. **This would be a line in the sand I will not allow to be crossed. If this act is passed I will 1. not obey, and 2. move my family and extended family out of the state of Illinois.**

I respectfully but strongly urge you to:

- Reject any and all State legislation that would further infringe upon our God given Second Amendment right! Including the Firearms Registration Act (**SB1413**)
- Pass nullifying resolutions to any federal infringements upon our God given Second Amendment right!
- Repeal the FOIA Act.

Respectfully,

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Resources:

Biblical Precedent

" If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him"
Exodus 22:2

"So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans [families], with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, 'Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.'"
Nehemiah 4:13-14

"And whoever doesn't have a sword should sell his robe and buy one."
Luke 22:36

"And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight."
Hebrews 11:32-34

Molon Labe Pledge

We will never disarm. We will never surrender our military pattern, semi-automatic rifles and the full capacity magazines, parts, and ammunition that go with them. The fundamental purpose of the Second Amendment is to preserve the military power of We the People so we will have effective means to resist tyranny. Regardless of what unholy, unconstitutional filth issues from the mouths of oath breakers in "Mordor on the Potomac" our answer is MOLON LABE. [Come and Take them] ...

OATH KEEPERS MOLON LABE PLEDGE

<http://oathkeepers.org/oath/pledge/?p=1>

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Second Amendment, Molon Labe:

In 480 B.C. the forces of the Persian Empire under King Xerxes, numbering according to Herodotus two million men, bridged the Hellespont and marched in their myriads to invade and enslave Greece...

Three hundred Spartans and their allies held off the invaders for seven days, until, their weapons smashed and broken from the slaughter, they fought "with bare hands and teeth" (as recorded by Herodotus) before being at last overwhelmed...

The Spartans and their Thespaian allies died to the last man, but the standard of valor they set by their sacrifice inspired the Greeks to rally and, in that fall and spring, defeat the Persians at Salamis and Plataea and preserve the beginnings of Western democracy and freedom from perishing in the cradle...

Two memorials remain today at Thermopylae. Upon the modern one, called the Leonidas monument in honor of the Spartan king who fell there, is engraved his response to **Xerxes' demand that the Spartans lay down their arms. Leonidas' reply was two words, Molon labe. "Come and get them."**

"Gates of Fire" by Steven Pressfield

262 Million people killed by their own governments in the 20th century...

Government wars and exterminations in the twentieth century reached 262 million people killed by their own governments and 44 million people killed in wars.

"Liberty Defined " by Ron Paul

PEOPLE CONTROL: Unarmed people are easier to control...

Tyrants from Hitler to Mao to Stalin have sought to disarm their own citizens, for the simple reason that unarmed people are easier to control. Our Founders, having just expelled the British army, knew that the right to bear arms served as the guardian of every other right. This is the principle so often ignored by both sides in the gun control debate. Only armed citizens can ultimately resist tyrannical government.

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Another reason why gun control is such a bad idea...

In our own country, we should be ever vigilant against any attempts to disarm the people, especially in an economic downturn. I worry that violent crime will rise sharply in the coming days, and as states and municipalities grow even more financially strained, the police will be less able or willing to respond to crime.
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The intent of the 2nd Amendment? An army of average citizens...

Our brave and hardy yeomanry [average citizens], strong and vigorous, compose an army whose force would be as irresistible as their hatred of tyrants is unconquerable. (1796, John Lathrop Jr.)
"Celebrate Liberty! " by David Barton

The basic right to self-defense...

Contrary to popular political beliefs, the right to possess a firearm has little to do with hunting or any other recreational activity. The basic right to possess a gun serves a much more important function in our society: self-defense. The right has two purposes: It allows individuals to protect themselves from criminals when the government is unable to protect them. Even more importantly, the right exists so that individuals can protect themselves from the government when it unjustly attacks them.

"Napolitano 3 in 1: Constitutional Chaos, The Constitution in Exile, and A Nation of Sheep" by Andrew P. Napolitano

"Their swords and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birth right of an American"

Tench Coxe, a Federalist advocating that Americans would not lose their right to arms under the new Constitution, wrote, "Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birth right of an American . . . [under the Constitution] the unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people"

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"An armed citizenry is the hallmark of a free society." Land of the free...

The Founding Fathers undoubtedly recognized that an armed citizenry is the hallmark of a free society. Even centuries ago, Aristotle declared that tyrannies "mistrust the people and therefore deprive them of their arms." During the constitutional debates, the idea of denying Americans the right to possess arms was unheard of. Second Amendment scholar Donald B. Kates has documented that, while there was much ideological disagreement on many issues between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists, the two constituencies fought over who should get the credit for proposing the Second Amendment.

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Governments are granted powers, but only individuals have rights, and they can not be

taken away!

Under the Constitution, state governments have “powers” or “authorit[ies]” but never “rights.” Only individuals have “rights.” Furthermore, the “right of the people” phrase appears four times in the Bill of Rights, and each time it clearly represents an individual’s rights against the government, a guarantee that the government cannot take away.

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From the Founders...

"[T]he said Constitution [should] be never construed ... to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms."

SAMUEL ADAMS, Signer of the Declaration, "Father of the American Revolution" ...

"A free people ought ... to be armed."

GEORGE WASHINGTON, US. President, Signer of the Constitution ...

"[N]o man should scruple or hesitate a moment to use arms in defense."

GEORGE WASHINGTON, US. President, Signer of the Constitution ...

"The people are not to be disarmed of their weapons. They are left in full possession of them.... This is a principle which secures religious liberty most firmly."

ZECHARIAH JOHNSTON, Revolutionary Soldier, Virginia Legislator, Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution

"I am thus far a Quaker [a pacifist]: I would gladly agree with all the world to lay aside the use of arms and settle matters by negotiation; but unless the whole will, the matter ends, and I take up my musket and thank Heaven He has put it in my power.

THOMAS PAINE, Patriot, Author

"The Second Amendment" by David Barton

"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD!"

Joshua 24:14-15