

Report on Constitutional Carry in Colorado

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Friends and Neighbors,

It is with regret, but not surprise, that I inform you that HB22-1033: 'Constitutional Carry Of A Handgun' has failed in committee along party lines. While this was the expected outcome, seeing as the legislative process is firmly Democrat controlled, we hope that, by showing the Democrats' desire to trample on our natural rights, more Coloradans will see their authoritative nature and vote them out of office. However, this bill was not introduced in vain. We heard from many Coloradans from across the state; some had followed the bill and were well-read firearm professionals, others were simply folks who took the time and effort to testify in support of the cause. I was astounded with the professionalism and passion Coloradans exhibited when they gave testimony in support of Constitutional Carry.

While the testimony given by Coloradans presented the plain reality that Constitutional Carry is inherent in the right to keep and bear arms under the 2nd Amendment, testimony also proved that Democrat-supported gun-control measures significantly reduce public and personal safety. Study after study shows that the carrying of firearms by law-abiding citizens helps to reduce crime, not raise it! (I encourage you to search 'Kate-Mauser Harvard Study', 'Gary Kleck gun study', or search most anything written by David Kopel, if you wish to see the proof with your own eyes.)

Regardless of the research that shows gun-control measures do not work, the 2nd Amendment, along with all the rights detailed in the 'Bill of Rights', are not laws that can be rescinded by the passage of a bill. Our rights, as our Founding Fathers understood them, are 'natural rights', meaning they have been granted to us by GOD and by virtue of our own humanity. The Democrats believe that rights can be created or destroyed simply by the passage of a bill. Meaning if they don't like a right, for whatever reason, they attempt to chisel it away through so-called "common-sense" regulation. Such a view on rights and liberties is extremely dangerous to a free and liberty-loving society; I pray we can reverse this trend and restore a genuine understanding of our 'Bill of Rights'.

Hopefully, in the coming years, we will revisit Constitutional Carry and successfully restore the full meaning of our 2nd Amendment.

Faithfully,

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