

Second Amendment Organization

Position Statement

Federal Firearms Laws

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Federal Firearms Licensing for requirement for “firearms dealers”? (Supportive)

The Second Amendment Organization supports the FFL System, but advocates for a clarification of those who are subject to the licensing requirement, based some measure of firearms sales frequency, volume or value by an individual.

Individual Right to Keep & Bear Arms? (Supportive)

The Second Amendment Organization supports the position that the Right to Keep and Bear Arms as stipulated in the Second Amendment to the US Constitution is an individual right.

Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act? (Against)

The Second Amendment Organization does not support restrictions on ownership, possession or use of firearms by those convicted of misdemeanor crimes related to domestic violence that would not otherwise result in Prohibited Person status.

Provisions of the “National Firearms Act”? (Against)

The Second Amendment Organization does not support provisions of the National Firearms Act which impose taxes, special registration requirements or special ownership restrictions on certain types of firearms or firearms parts or accessories.

Provisions of the “Gun Control Act”? (Complex)

There are various aspects of the GCA which have been accepted as reasonable by the firearms industry and community of American Gun Owners in general, including the established definition of a “Prohibited Person”, the Establishment of the Federal Firearms Licensed dealer program and the Marking Requirement for all newly manufactured firearms.

The Second Amendment Organization does not support prohibitions against interstate transfers of legally owned firearms between private individuals able to legally own firearms.

The Second Amendment Organization does not support the import restrictions on firearms established by the GCA as currently limited to “sporting purposes”.

Provisions of the “Brady Act”? (Complex)

The Second Amendment Organization believes that the original Brady Act requirement for a 5-day waiting period is an unreasonable infringement on the right to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment Organization also believes that the widely accepted NICS program that replaced the 5-day waiting period requirement is impotent without full and timely reporting of Prohibited Person Status by all jurisdictions, agencies and entities responsible for determining the various states, conditions and standings of individuals subject to restrictions of their right to keep and bear arms. Furthermore, the Second Amendment Organization supports the consistent and assertive prosecution of those dealers and individuals involved in willful violations of the Brady Act or attempts to circumvent the NICS Process.

Provisions of the “Firearms Owners Protection Act”? (Complex)

The Second Amendment Organization does not support the provisions of FOPA related to ban on “new” automatic firearms entering into the possession of individuals after the date of the law’s enactment (May 1986). There are aspects of FOPA that the Second Amendment Organization supports, including the Safe Passage Provision, Prohibition of a Federal Firearms Registry and limitations on the frequency of ATF “compliance inspections”.

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act? (Supportive)

The Second Amendment Organization supports the provisions of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

Restrictions under International Trade in Arms Regulations (ITAR)? (Complex)

The Second Amendment Organization supports the interests and efforts of the United States Government to protect critical military technology, strategy and tactics from use against our country or our allies and efforts to prevent those technologies, strategies or tactics from being defeated or circumvented by our enemies. The Second Amendment Organization does not support aspects of ITAR as currently worded that could be interpreted to prevent the free trade or exchange of information by citizens of the United States to any person interested in developing their marksmanship, defensive shooting or personal defense skills except in cases where the individuals in question can be clearly demonstrated to have malicious intent towards The United States of America or Citizens of the United States of America at the time of such trade or exchange.

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