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SAF-BACKED PRO-RIGHTS DOCTORS' GROUP 'WHITE PAPER' BACKS HEARING PROTECTION ACT

A pro-rights doctors' organization has just released a "White Paper" to educate people about the proposed Hearing Protection Act of 2017, which would make firearms sound suppressors more available to the public, the Second Amendment Foundation noted today.

Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership is a project of SAF. Founded more than 20 years ago, DRGO is a nationwide advocacy and watchdog group of physicians and other health professionals who provide commentary and scrutiny of policy and medical literature dealing with firearms ownership, use and misuse. It serves as a guard against biased, policy-directed pseudoscience that would hinder gun ownership under the guise of legitimate science. The report explains that a "causal relationship between loud noise exposure and irreversible hearing loss and chronic tinnitus have long been recognized by medicine and the U.S. government."

According to SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb, information in the DRGO White Paper "underscores the importance of research in the decision-making process, as opposed to relying merely on emotional arguments." The White Paper, titled "Position Paper in Favor of Firearm Suppressors

to Prevent Hearing Loss," may be read [here](#).

"Our purpose at SAF is to educate rather than advocate," Gottlieb noted. "The DRGO document corrects a lot of misinformation and explains a lot in a very short presentation. We think that the more people who read this report, the better they will understand the issue. Using suppressors on firearms to protect hearing is a common sense approach to a serious problem."

"Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership strongly supports making firearm suppressors readily available to the public as a critical health intervention to prevent Americans' hearing loss," said DRGO Director, Dr. Arthur Przebinda. "Reducing barriers to firearm suppressor ownership and decreasing the likelihood of gunshot blast noise induced hearing loss and tinnitus in tens of millions of U.S. firearms owners will have no material impact on

criminal firearms use."

"It's disappointing that, after years of trying to make guns a public health issue, the gun control crowd reflexively opposes an effort to protect the hearing of millions of firearms owners," Gottlieb observed. "Perhaps with the release of the DRGO report, an important new perspective has been added to the debate."



SAF APPLAUDS SENATE CONFIRMATION OF NEIL GORSUCH

The Second Amendment Foundation applaud the U.S. Senate for confirming Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court, thus restoring the high court's full complement, and maintaining a philosophical balance important to upholding and enforcing the U.S. Constitution.

Gorsuch was confirmed on a

54-45 vote just before noon Friday.

"Judge Gorsuch demonstrated during two days of hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee that he is eminently qualified to occupy the seat left vacant by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia last year," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "The court has been shy

one critical vote and voice for more than a year. We are delight that time has come to an end."

"President Trump kept his word to voters," Gottlieb concluded, "by nominating a superb jurist with an originalist approach to interpreting the Constitution, and particularly the Bill of Rights, as the Founders intended."

'ARMED EVIL ALWAYS BEATS UNARMED INNOCENCE' SAYS GOTTLIEB

The horrific terror attack in London in March that left three people dead, including an unarmed police constable, underscores the dangerously backward logic that leaves British police officers largely unarmed while terrorists and criminals will use whatever weapon they can, the Second Amendment Foundation said today.

"The death of veteran Constable Keith Palmer, along with a female British subject and an American citizen is yet another graphic demonstration of what we've learned in America," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "Armed evil beats unarmed innocence every time. In this case, Constable Palmer was betrayed by his employer, by his government,

and essentially set up to die.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to Constable Palmer's family," Gottlieb continued, "as well as the families of the other victims. It takes a good deal of courage in today's world to become a police officer, and it takes a special kind of backbone to do that job unarmed."

The American gun rights leader noted that the increasing use of violence by terrorists across the European landscape has given new urgency to the mission of the International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights (IAPCAR) of which SAF is a founding member. Gottlieb was instrumental in creating that worldwide organization, and its efforts are taking on more

importance with the growing terrorist threat.

"Terrorists and violent criminals prefer unarmed victims," he stated. "British gun control laws have disarmed the general public along with most police officers, making the entire country a target rich environment.

"While it is being reported that Constable Palmer was supported by armed colleagues who shot the attacker, he should not have had to depend upon brother officers for his own safety," Gottlieb stressed. "We realize there is a tradition of unarmed officers across Great Britain, but this brutal attack should serve as a wake-up warning that officer safety outweighs tradition. You cannot handcuff police with rules and regulations when terrorists, whether they are international criminals or home-grown lone wolf lunatics, simply disregard the mores and morals of a civilized society. In the end, all that you wind up with is a body count."



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FEINSTEIN QUOTED SCALIA OUT OF CONTEXT TO PUSH AGENDA

Anti-gun Senator Dianne Feinstein quoted the Supreme Court's 2008 Heller ruling out of context while questioning Judge Neil Gorsuch during this week's Judiciary Committee hearings in an attempt to legitimize her gun ban agenda, the Second Amendment Foundation said today.

"It is unfortunate that Sen. Feinstein had to resort to this cheap parlor trick to make it appear that the late Justice Antonin Scalia would be okay with a ban of modern sporting rifles," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "We've carefully reviewed her question to Judge Gorsuch and the actual text of the ruling, which was written by Justice Scalia."

Feinstein posed the following question: "Justice Scalia also wrote that, 'Weapons that are more useful

in military service, M-16 rifles and the like, may be banned' without infringing on the Second Amendment. Do you agree with that statement that under the Second Amendment weapons that are most useful in military service ... may be banned?"

But here is what Scalia actually wrote: "It may be objected that if weapons that are most useful in military service—M-16 rifles and the like—may be banned, then the Second Amendment right is completely detached from the prefatory clause. But as we have said, the conception of the militia at the time of the Second Amendment's ratification was the body of all citizens capable of military service, who would bring the sorts of lawful weapons that they possessed at home to militia duty. It may well be true today that a militia, to be as

effective as militias in the 18th century, would require sophisticated arms that are highly unusual in society at large. Indeed, it may be true that no amount of small arms could be useful against modern-day bombers and tanks. But the fact that modern developments have limited the degree of fit between the prefatory clause and the protected right cannot change our interpretation of the right."

"It is clear to us that Sen. Feinstein quoted Heller out of context," Gottlieb stated, "and she was playing 'Gotcha' with Judge Gorsuch on the issue of banning the most popular rifle in America today. By trying to paint Judge Gorsuch into a corner that exists only in her mind, Sen. Feinstein did a disservice to the hearings, the Supreme Court's ruling, and the Constitution, itself."

SAF BLAMES RESTRICTIVE GUN LAWS FOR RISING THEFTS OF GUNS

A reported rise in gun thefts from cars underscores a consequence of so-called "gun-free zones" that prohibit law-abiding citizens from carrying their legally-licensed guns, forcing people to leave their firearms where they are vulnerable.

A story in *The Trace*, a publication that received funding from anti-gun billionaire Michael Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety, said gun thefts from cars have soared in some cities. SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb contends that one reason for this that "nobody wants to talk about" is a proliferation of "gun-free zones."

"Whether it's a school, municipal building, city park, or sports stadium,

post office or a private business or big box store that has been encouraged to prohibit firearms on the premises," Gottlieb observed, "the result is the same. Citizens are being forced to leave their legal firearms locked in vehicles and thieves have figured this out.

"American gun owners are being discriminated against for exercising their constitutionally-protected right to bear arms," he continued. "Ultimately, honest citizens are being victimized by such restrictions because not only are they vulnerable to criminal attack because of these unilateral disarmament laws, they stand an increasing chance of having their property stolen. The bottom line is that whether you own a gun or not, these

laws make us all less safe.

"In some states where discretionary laws allow bureaucrats to deny carry licenses or permits to honest citizens," Gottlieb added, "people who want to travel with firearms are doubly penalized because they must also leave those guns in cars, where they could fall into the wrong hands.

"This story in an anti-gun publication unintentionally underscores the necessity for serious gun law reform that includes abolition of gun-free zones, and adoption of constitution-friendly shall-issue carry laws in all 50 states," he concluded. "This nonsense of forcing people to disarm needs to stop, and it's an easy fix."

The list that follows describes just some of the lawsuits that YOUR Second Amendment Foundation is currently and has been involved in. We've spent a lot of money in court fighting to protect and expand YOUR rights. EACH lawsuit has a price-tag as high as hundreds of thousands of dollars!

· SAF Sues Over Censorship of 3D Firearm Printing Information...

SAF and Defense Distributed filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, the Department of State and other U.S. officials to stop the unconstitutional censorship of information related to 3D printing of firearms asserting the regulations violate free speech, the right to keep and bear arms and due process as guaranteed by the First, Second and Fifth Amendments. In the process of petitioning the Supreme Court for review.

· SAF Sues and Wins Against District of Columbia's Concealed Carry Permit Process...

SAF filed a lawsuit on behalf of two D.C. and one Florida resident seeking to overturn the city's "good reason" clause for citizens wishing to exercise their right. The court rules there is a constitutional right to carry. D.C. appeals. Case is remanded and appeal was argued September 20, 2016. Awaiting decision.

· SAF, NSSF, and NRA File a Lawsuit Over Seattle Gun Tax ...

Second Amendment Foundation, National Shooting Sports Foundation and National Rifle Association in an historic first collaboration file suit in King County Superior Court over the adoption by the City of Seattle of a punitive tax on

firearms and ammunition in violation of Washington State preemption laws. Case is on appeal.

· SAF Spearheads Federal Lawsuit Against I-594...

SAF files a lawsuit in federal district court seeking a permanent injunction against enforcement of portions of Initiative 594, alleging that "portions of I-594... are so vague that a person of ordinary intelligence cannot understand their scope," and that other parts violate the Second Amendment outright. SAF appeals standing ruling.

· SAF Sues and Wins Against District of Columbia's Ban on the Carrying of Handguns...

SAF filed a lawsuit on behalf of three D.C. and one New Hampshire residents to compel the city to issue carry permits to law-abiding citizens. The U.S. District Court orders D.C. to allow the carry of firearms for self-defense.

· SAF Sues Illinois Over Restrictive CCW Residency Requirements...

SAF filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Illinois, challenging that state's concealed carry statute that restricts otherwise qualified non-residents the rights and privileges of carrying concealed firearms based solely on their state of residence.

· SAF Funds and Wins Lawsuit Challenging Federal Law on Handgun Purchases...

SAF's sister organization, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the federal law prohibiting cross-state handgun purchases. The government is appealing.

· SAF Sues and Wins Gun Rights

LEGAL CASES

Restoration...A federal judge rules in a significant federal court victory in a case that a man convicted of a misdemeanor crime several years ago may not lose his Second Amendment rights under a federal gun control statute known as 922(g)(1). Government is appealing to SCOTUS.

• **SAF Sues and Wins Ruling That Allows Gun Rights Restoration for Certain Misdemeanors...**the judge has ruled that a man convicted of a serious misdemeanor crime, but who has demonstrated that now he "would present no more threat to the community" than an average law-abiding citizen, may not lose his Second Amendment rights under a federal gun control statute known as 922(g)(1). See previous case.

• **SAF Wins Lawsuit over Handgun Ban in Northern Marianas...**The Second Amendment Foundation joined in supporting a lawsuit that challenges the ban on the importation of handguns and ammunition and the possession and use of handguns in the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands.

• **SAF Challenges and Wins against Arbitrary Denial of Right to Bear Arms in California...**SAF and Calguns Foundation filed a lawsuit seeking to vindicate the right to bear arms against arbitrary state infringement. Case is waiting for decision by SCOTUS in a related case.

• **SAF Challenges California Handgun Ban Scheme...**SAF and Calguns Foundation filed a lawsuit challenging a regulation that bans handguns based on a roster of "acceptable" handguns approved by the State of California. Case has been amended to include new microstamping requirement. Glock files amicus brief in support. Smith & Wesson, Ruger and

NSSF file declarations in support of SAF's lawsuit. Appeal argued, awaiting decision.

• **SAF Challenges Arbitrary Handgun Sales Regulations in Massachusetts...**SAF and Comm2A filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction against the State Attorney General's illegal enforcement of consumer protection regulations that prevent the commercial sale of common semiautomatic handguns. This case is on appeal.

• **SAF Sues Village of Norridge on Gun Store Over-Regulation...** SAF sues on behalf of individuals desiring to open gun stores in the Village of Norridge arguing that the city's laws effectively ban them by making it impossible to comply with the regulations. City of Norridge changes its law twice. Ruling pending.

• **SAF Sues Chicago and Wins over Gun Range Prohibition on 1A, 2A Grounds...**SAF and ISRA filed a lawsuit against the City of Chicago's gun ordinance, asserting that "the city is depriving citizens of their right to keep and bear arms in violation of the First and Second Amendments. The Appellate Court ordered Chicago to end this ban. SAF wins substantial victory.

• **SAF Sues California and Wins Overturning Waiting Period Statute...**SAF, Calguns Foundation, et al. filed a federal lawsuit against the CA DOJ challenging the state's requirement that gun owners wait at least ten days before taking possession of an additional

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• **SAF Sues Alameda County for Civil Rights Violation in Gun Shop Case...** SAF has filed a federal lawsuit against Alameda County, California and the county's Board of Supervisors for violating the constitutional rights of three businessmen by wrongfully denying them permits to open a gun shop. On appeal.

SAF INVITES SUPPORT FROM MEDIA IN P.R.A. LEGAL ACTION

Renewed interest by Seattle news outlets in the revenues generated by the City of Seattle's so-called "gun violence tax" demonstrates that the media is wondering why the city continues to withhold that information, especially considering an ongoing lawsuit by the Second Amendment Foundation and its publication, TheGunMag.com.

"Back in 2015, when the city adopted this gun tax, there were predictions that it would generate between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in revenue," SAF founder Alan Gottlieb recalled. "Here we are, more than a year after the tax took effect, and the city still hasn't released any information. The public has a right to know whether this was an accurate forecast, or just a pie-in-the-sky sales pitch to

push this tax into law.

"Other news agencies have sought this information," he added, "and we invite and challenge the media to join with us in the fight to protect the First Amendment and the people's right to know because this is clearly a First Amendment issue. The city has argued that releasing the tax revenue information would jeopardize the privacy of the few businesses that have paid the tax, but that argument seems pretty thin. It's becoming our strong suspicion that the city doesn't want to release the revenue figure because it doesn't come close to what they predicted."

TheGunMag.com senior editor Dave Workman, who is a plaintiff in the case, repeated what has been the

publication's position since the outset: "We have never been interested in disclosing who paid what amount. All we want is an aggregate figure, and the longer the city holds out, the more people will wonder if they're trying to conceal something."

A separate lawsuit challenging the tax was filed in late 2015 by SAF, the National Rifle Association and National Shooting Sports Foundation, plus two retail gun dealers. One of those retailers has moved his business outside the city, and the lawsuit asserts this is not a sales tax but a gun control measure that violates Washington State's preemption statute.

"The City of Seattle is stonewalling us," Gottlieb stated. "It's time for them to come clean."



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The full roster of GRPC 2017 speakers has not yet been set. Past speakers have included: Alan Gottlieb, Joseph Tartaro, Alan Gura, Tom Gresham, Larry Elder, John Lott, Eugene Volokh, Sandy Froman, Massad Ayoob, Mark Walters, Emily Miller, Rep. Bob Barr, Rick Patterson, Gene Hoffman, Tim Schmidt, AWR Hawkins and many others. Check our websites -- www.saf.org or www.ccrkba.org for updates.

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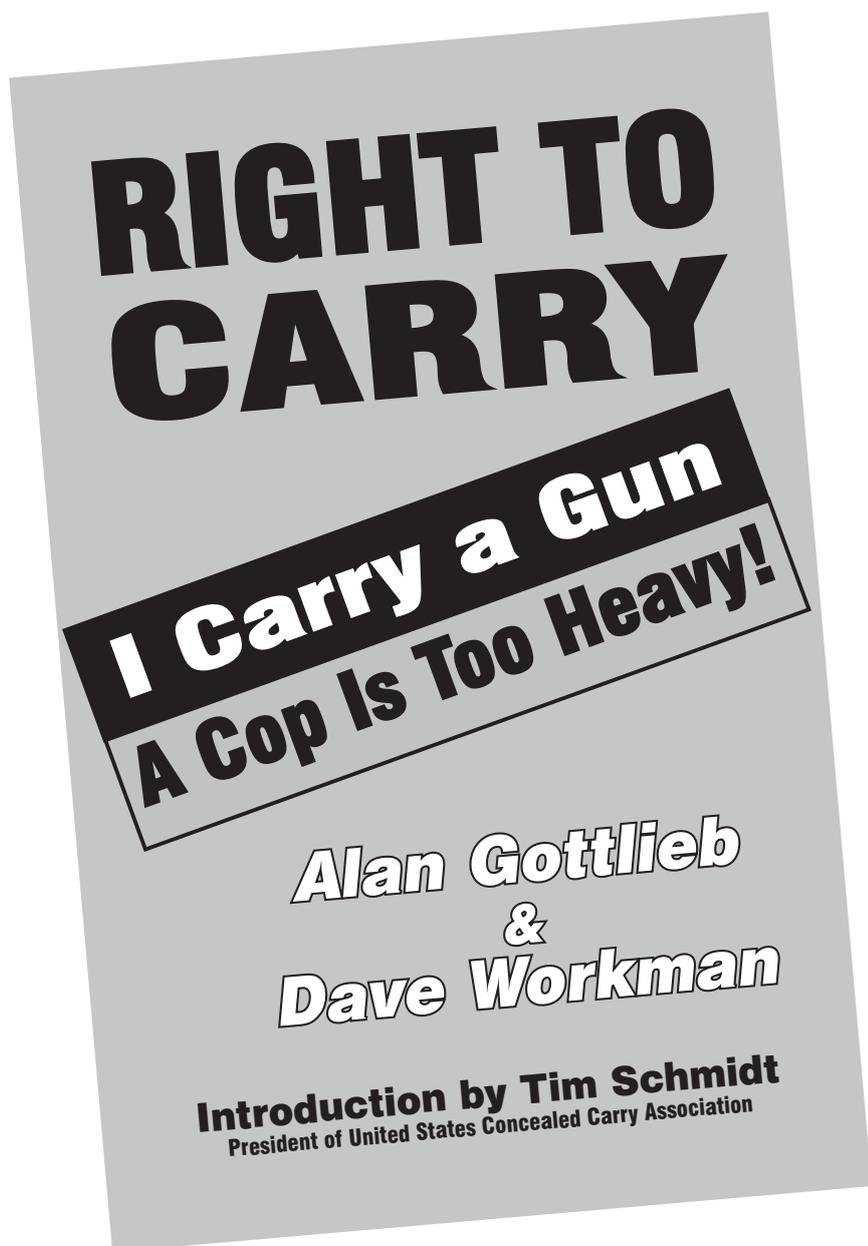
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