

HB 1272

The Biden administration has expressed the desire to expand the registration of firearms and accessories to include firearms his administration defines as “assault weapons” and “high-capacity magazines”. We should not have our rights change depending on who is in the presidency nor a policy memo of a federal agency like the ATF which consists of no one elected by the people. Too often gun owners need to modify, destroy, sell, or otherwise dispose of accessories to not become felons. The possession of items today, should not make you a criminal tomorrow.

The expansion of National Firearms Act will be the banning of items through the over taxation of them. It will create a tiered system with one set of items alright for the rich and elite, and another for the poor and middle class. A \$200 tax per magazine and weapon is using a tax to make items unaffordable for the majority of citizens without expressly banning them.

HB 1272 uses similar language of laws already passed in other states (Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Kansas, Tennessee, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming). As such North Dakota can stand with our neighbors in determining what is appropriate for our citizens. We can preserve our freedoms, our culture, and our recreation from large population centers that do not share our views.

We have seen recently the federal agencies already do this with bump stocks successfully, as well as, unsuccessfully with pistol braces. These are things that should be reserved to our elected officials in our state legislator to determine. The successful passage of HB 1272 would help restore the powers of the states rights.

HB 1396

The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act is being targeted for repeal and HB 1396 would enact a state protection for manufacturers within North Dakota.