

## OPINION ON 2023 HOUSE BILLS

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General opinion on all House bills 2023 regarding firearms rights. As the wording of the US Constitution states, The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, it seems they are still, in many cases, being infringed at the Federal level and here in our own state of ND. The Second Amendment does not give the right to keep and bear arms, it restricts the government from infringing on the rights we naturally have. Any and all restrictions should be unconstitutional.

As pertains to our state of ND and the upcoming specific bills;

HB 1339—I agree that anyone who can legally enter the state and is not disqualified from owning firearms should have the right to bear those arms in the state. To own said firearms means that in most cases they have gone through background checks and that alone should give the right to bear arms anywhere in the US as long as state rules that are in place are followed. I would urge passage of HB 1339

HB 1340 – It seems some cities in ND feel they can restrict citizens on certain gun rights at their discretion. ND Century Code 62.1-01-03 Limitation on authority of political subdivision

regarding firearms states very clearly that cities must follow state law and cannot make laws or ordinances that are more restrictive than state law. This state law has repeatedly been ignored by several cities in ND and needs to be stopped. HB 1340 will take care of this problem. I am highly in favor of this bill.

HB 1483 – As per the recent Bruen decision by the Supreme Court that was passed in 2021, the court affirmed that rights cannot be restricted under the Second Amendment to the Constitution regarding carry of firearms. ND law cannot supercede federal law in any form. Rights to carry in all public places should be allowed according to the decision taking into consideration sensitive places which must be held to few if any but very specific places. Arbitrary decisions on what is a sensitive place must be scrutinized carefully so as not to be abused. HB 1341 and HB 1404 would follow the same reasoning as HB 1483. All should be passed in ND without question. If not, it is again a Second Amendment infringement.

ND should be known as the state that honors and respects the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Second Amendment. I hope the legislators will agree and vote for the continuing rights of North Dakotans. Sincerely, Craig Roe

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