

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2622

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Brent Doty

Self, Operations Director

Robinson, TX

Texas must not only abide by U.S. Constitution, we must protect the Constitution.

The stipulation that this bill would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” needs to be removed, however. This could render the legislation worthless.

Bryan Graham

Self

LITTLE ELM, TX

My name is Bryan Graham and I'm from Little Elm, TX. I would like to register my **STRONG SUPPORT** for HB 2622 to preserve our rights as Texans to prevent federal government overreach. The current administration is on track to destroy any freedoms we have left in this great country and the only protection we may have from their tyranny is to make Texas a Sanctuary State for firearms and protect our 2nd Amendment rights. If they can create sanctuary cities and states to protect illegal aliens, we can certainly make our great state of Texas a sanctuary state to protect our right to bare arms under the US and Texas State Constitutions. Thank you for prioritizing approving this bill!

John Conner

Self/Adjunct professor

Houston, TX

Honorable Committee:

I support this bill! I've never had to defend myself with a gun, and I pray everyday that I never do. But I, along with my fellow Texans, **MUST** retain our God-given rights to own guns to defend life without infringement from government intrusion or dictate- a right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights in our Constitution.

With the Federal government declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is **NOW**.

Even though these bills may be challenged in court, the Texas legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to protect the constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement without fear of intimidation.

The Interstate Commerce Clause of the Constitution– the clause that Congress uses to regulate virtually anything, including guns, on the basis that they affect interstate commerce – has been read too broadly for far too long. It's time to turn the tide and push back on Congress' or presidential executive order attempts to regulate everything.

In the 1997 case of *Printz v. United States*, the Supreme Court held that the Federal government could not compel states to enforce their laws for them.

I urge this committee to support this life-protecting bill.

Sincerely,

John Conner

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Zakare Waddell

Self, Production Manager

Bonham, TX

I support this bill, as it guarantees the state will not help a tyrannical federal government strip us of our rights or execute us in our homes. However, I would like to see the clause about excepting actions on which agreements or contracts are already made removed. This is because the exception largely reduces the protection of our rights from federal infringements, and leaves us venerable to state enforcement of the current levels of federal tyranny.

Hugh Robinson, Lt.

self military

Converse, TX

I support this bill for the follow reasons: With the Federal government declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is NOW. Even though these bills may be challenged in court, the Texas legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to protect the constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement. The Interstate Commerce Clause of the Constitution– the clause that Congress uses to regulate virtually anything, including guns, on the basis that they affect interstate commerce – has been read too broadly for far too long. It's time to turn the tide and push back on Congress' attempts to regulate everything. In the 1997 case of *Printz v. United States*, the Supreme Court held that the Federal government could not compel states to enforce their laws for them. They could give a carrot or stick but couldn't force states to enforce federal laws.

James Mandl

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support this as long as the clause “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” is removed!

Ronald Moon, Mr

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

Thank you for protecting Texas citizens against all those who would attempt to deny us the right to protect ourselves and our families from harm.

We appreciate your work.

RTM

Harold Waters

self

Houston, TX

Please support this bill. Help maintain Texas as a place of freedom with full benefits of the constitution and the bill of rights.

Martha Conner

Self/Social worker

Houston, TX

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Dear Committee:

I support this bill. In the 1980s I worked downtown during a time of rising attacks and burglaries, said to be caused by rising unemployment due to the oil crisis. As a small female, my husband at the time, who was in training to be a U.S. Marshall, said I needed a gun for protection. We bought a small handgun that I could carry in my purse. I took the CHL class, now called LTC, and decided it was too risky from a legal standpoint to carry a pistol for protection. I just didn't want the legal nightmare of proving to a court why a five-foot tall, hundred pound female would have to pull and use a gun on a violent attacker. So I declined the CHL license and decided not to carry. Fortunately, I've never been attacked. Although I daily pray to God for my protection from harm, it is blatantly obvious that we now live in a different world--one more violent than even back then. I still choose not to carry, but at my home I intend to protect myself with firearms if ever needed. As regular churchgoers, my husband and I pray each day that never happens. We also pray that our federal government doesn't violate our God-given rights as outlined in the 2nd amendment of the Bill of Rights, which the Framers of our great nation insisted on including in our Constitution to prevent that very occurrence. We all know what the Framers intended with the 2nd Amendment--protection from an overreaching, tyrannical government. As a law-abiding citizen, I have no desire or intent to defend myself from any government agent or servant acting to violate my constitutional rights by presidential executive order or congressional action, that's what "a well-regulated militia" was supposed to be for. However, as the oldest daughter of Latin immigrants, whose father served in the U.S. Air Force as a condition for American citizenship, I am deeply concerned about enemies, domestic and foreign, who intend to overthrow our representative government and attack innocent, law-abiding Americans peacefully just living their lives. And God forbid, if our great nation were attacked by an invading foreign military, I don't want myself or my fellow Texans to be unarmed. We need a fighting chance. Please protect Texans by making this great state a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary.

Thank you and God bless,
Martha Conner

Michael Biello

Self

Katy, TX

I would like to strongly encourage you to vote yes on HB2662. This bill must be signed into law to protect Texans against persecution by the federal government for exercising our constitutional rights.

David Torres

Self

McAllen, TX

During these troubling times it has become evident that the Biden administration intends to restrict our second amendment rights. Furthermore, it has become evident that he will pursue this with executive actions, if congress will not pass his anti-2nd amendment agenda. With the stroke of a pen, millions of law abiding Texan's will essentially become criminals overnight, or face the struggles of complying to new laws forced upon them for items they legally already own. Furthermore, with violence along the border still surging, we need a means to protect ourselves and families. Whether that be in the ranchlands on our own, or at home with our families. The second amendment has always been a key part of Texas culture, our battle cry has always been "come and take it"! By buckling to an administration who does not respect our rights, it would be a travesty to our founding fathers. More restrictive gun laws only affect law abiding citizens, not criminals. I ask that you support this bill and fight for our rights! The actions of few should not punish the millions of others who follow the law, and have never presented reason to have their rights restricted. Texas must become a 2nd amendment sanctuary State, in order to protect our freedoms and stop further encroachment to a fundamental right that our country and great State was founded upon. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Chris Duncan

self

Austin, TX

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Please support this bill!!!!

Chris Freeman

Self/Shipping Operator

Jefferson, TX

I support this bill If the following clause is REMOVED concerning that the bill would not apply to:

“a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021”

The time is now for Texas to take a stand against Federal overreach.

Rhonda Freeman

Self/Biller

Jefferson, TX

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Michael Lugo

Self/License and Permit Specialist with the Texas Department of Public Safety

EL PASO, TX

Keep our Second Amendment protected and safe from all infringement. Turn Texas into a Second Amendment Sanctuary. Support HB 2622. SUPPORT: HB 112 by Rep. Toth & SB 513 by Sen. Hall; SUPPORT: HB 635 by Rep. Krause & SB 541 by Sen. Springer; SUPPORT: HB 919 by Rep. Leman & SB 499 by Sen. Kolkhorst; SUPPORT: HB 915 by Rep. Krause & SB 542 by Sen. Springer; SUPPORT: HB 336 by Rep. Cain & SB 548 by Sen. Springer. -- These bills prohibit Texas from using its personnel or resources to enforce Federal gun-grab regulations. --

SUPPORT: HB 112 by Rep. Toth & SB 513 by Sen. Hall would prohibit state & local government entities from enforcing or adopting a policy allowing the enforcement of any Federal statute, rule, order, or regulation enacted on or after January 1, 2021 that regulates a firearm, accessory, or ammunition and does not exist in Texas law.

SUPPORT: HB 635 by Rep. Krause & SB 541 by Sen. Springer would prohibit state & local agencies and law enforcement from assisting Federal agencies or officials in enforcing any Federal statute, order, rule, or regulation on firearms, accessories, or ammunition that does not also exist in Texas law.

SUPPORT: HB 919 by Rep. Leman & SB 499 by Sen. Kolkhorst are nearly identical to HB 112 by Rep. Toth, above, except that they: Apply to statutes, rules, orders, or regulations enacted after September 1, 2021; Do not include a Class A Misdemeanor penalty for personnel who violate the law.

SUPPORT: HB 915 by Rep. Krause & SB 542 by Sen. Springer would declare that firearms and ammunition manufactured in Texas from Texas parts, and sold in Texas, are not subject to Federal regulations. A person who wishes to manufacture “Made in Texas” items can let the Texas Attorney General know his or her intentions, and then the AG must seek a declaratory judgment on the Constitutionality of this law.

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SUPPORT: HB 336 by Rep. Cain & SB 548 by Sen. Springer would keep Texas out of any Federal Red Flag scheme and would prohibit any entity in this state from enforcing a "Red Flag" gun confiscation law not enacted by our state legislature.

Jerry Adams

"self" natural gas measurement tech.

Gardendale, TX

We are asking for your support for this bill, but only if the clause about the bill not applying to contracts or agreements to provide assistance of enforcement of federal statutes, etc. is removed.

Maritza Muguira

self

HELOTES, TX

Texas personnel and resources should not help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. We are a Republic, and Texas defends the Second Amendment.

Donald Baker

self

Killeen, TX

I support this bill and vote on the gun issue

Winnie J Tate Morgan

Self

Llano, TX

I support making the entire state of Texas 2A SANCUARY

Clark Miracle

self, GIS Analyst

GRAHAM, TX

As written, HB 2622 is problematic due to the inclusion of (c) Subsection (b). The inclusion of "does not apply to a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021." works against the intent of HB2622 and introduced a fatal weakness. The ATF and other agencies operate off of many statutes made years ago, and are able to turn law-abiding Texans into felons with an arbitrary change in how they interpret their own rules and statutory authority. (c) Subsection (b) should be entirely struck from the bill.

HB 2622 does not construct legislation that would obstruct the operations of the federal government. In *Printz v. United States*, the Supreme Court clarified that states are not "incorporated into the operations of the national government" by being "rendered auxiliary to the enforcement of its law." This is why immigration-sanctuary laws stand. Texans deserve protection from unconstitutional laws infringing on the 2nd Amendment and should be allowed to self-govern state affairs within the federal system as intended by the founders.

Ron Farace

Self

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Kingwood, TX

Hello. I am writing in support of HB 2622, with an amendment. This bill declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. Today, local and state governments are bullied by Washington by a system that allows Washington to hold the purse strings and using them to direct the actions of the puppet. This is exactly the type of big government control our founders fought and died to leave. In the US we have a Republic in which state and local governments and their people take precedent over a central power in Washington. The way in which Washington uses money to influence states is unconstitutional, un-American, and anti-Texas. Further, this bill would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” This provision would make the bill meaningless and I am therefore requesting that this clause be removed. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Ian Kress

Myself. Engineer.

Nassau Bay, TX

I would like to support HB 2622. If the Federal Government passes anti-gun laws, that infringe on the current rights of Texans to keep and bear arms, then the State, and counties and municipalities, should not assist in the enforcement of these laws.

Federal laws, if enacted, should only be enforced by Federal officers, not delegated down to state and local law enforcement.

This is in line with the Concept of Federalism, where the Federal government only focuses on items that affect the whole country, leaving states to come up with what other laws that best serve their citizens.

Also, I suggest that the be tightened up with regards to the current language that this bill would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” I'm concerned this would make the bill meaningless, as cities who wanted Federal grants to enforce Federal laws could say they were already in an agreement with the Federal government, and would fudge on this aspect. Please make sure the language of this section is highly defensible in court, as gun-hating local governments will attempt to defy it, and the matter will need to go to the courts.

Please vote in favor of HB 2622.

Thank you.

Von Long, Mr.

retired /self

Katy, TX

I am writing in support of H. B. 2622. This bill declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. Local government entities that violate this would be cut off from state grant funds.

However, this bill states it would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” I think this part needs more clarification. I am concerned this would make the bill meaningless. I would like to remove this clause or to at least clarify the exception to make it much more narrow.

ANTHONY Listi

self, Data Analyst

Allen, TX

Strongly support. Texas should not do anything to help enforce unconstitutional federal laws.

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julie gosh
Julie Gosh
Austin, TX

I support this bill! We retain the right to keep our guns in Texas, and we get to decide this, NOT the federal government!!

Andrew Austin, Mr.
Self
Livingston, TX

I fully SUPPORT this bill as it declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. This concept returns power to the State of Texas at the expense of the Federal government; this is an important step in the right direction in restoring the concept of Federalism and the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution (the "Law of the Land")

Local government entities that violate this would be cut off from state grant funds, which would protect the individual from a patchwork of locals laws based solely on arbitrary and invisible boundaries on a map.

I would only add that the following section be struck from the final version of the bill as it limits the effectiveness of keeping Texas Sovereign under the Federalism Concept-

"This bill would not apply to a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021."

William Cawthon, Mr.
Republican Liberty Caucus Bexar County, El Paso, and Houston-Bay Area Chapters
Houston, TX

In his state of the state address, Texas Governor Greg Abbott said, "This session we need to erect a complete barrier against any government office anywhere from treading on gun rights in Texas. Texas must be a Second Amendment Sanctuary State."

Second Amendment Sanctuaries are based on one simple truth: While federal law may have supremacy in certain areas, the people, working through the states, have the ultimate power.??At the birth of our nation the states determined the powers granted to the federal government and only the states can change them. The federal government has no such authority over the states.

The United States is a federated republic made up of 50 sovereign states with rights and powers that make them almost unique among other governments. The citizens of the United States also have rights and powers that make them almost unique among the citizens of other nations.??As James Madison noted in 1788, "Americans have the right and advantage of being armed – unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

A Second Amendment Sanctuary state is exercising its powers by drawing a line in the sand and declaring it will not enforce federal laws which it deems to be unconstitutional or contrary to the best interests of the citizens of that state.

The state is not defying the federal government; the state will not interfere with agents of the federal government enforcing the laws. However, it will not offer any form of support for such enforcement actions. All of the bills introduced in the Texas Legislature also prohibit the enforcement of the disputed laws by any state agency, county or municipal government, or any agencies or personnel employed by them.

This is all completely legal. The Supreme Court anti-commandeering decisions in *New York v. United States* (505 U.S. 144 (1992)) and *Printz v. United States* (521 U.S. 898 (1997)) held that the federal government could not compel a state or an official of that state to enforce a federal law.

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This does not mean Texans are now free to manufacture and possess machine guns or suppressors (which are also regulated by state laws); it does mean that certain easily foreseeable federal laws, most of which are of dubious constitutionality and enforceability, will rely solely on federal agents, assets, and funding for enforcement in Texas.??

The state is telling the federal government that it can enforce the laws it passes but that enforcement will be both difficult and costly.??This is not a threat. Just like the flag created after the Battle of Gonzales in 1835, it is a challenge to politicians in Washington saying that Texas will defend its sovereignty and the rights of its citizens against unlawful infringements, no matter the source.??

All Texans should support this bill.

Ervin Light, Pastor

Self

Llano, TX

Very simple that I strongly support HB 2622. I will gladly stand with our city, county and all police officers to defend to the death our constitution including the 2nd amendment as well as others. Thank you for your positive vote for Texas to be a 2nd amendment sanctuary state.

Chris Edmiston

Self

Austin, TX

I SUPPORT HB-2622.

This kind of bill is absolutely critical to law-abiding Texans all across the state. Citizens who legally purchase firearms and accessories should not be criminalized after the fact. Additionally, the 2nd Amendment clearly states that "the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". This bill helps protect against that infringement by those who would enact unconstitutional orders, laws, or rules.

While I do support this bill, there are a few issues that I would like to see corrected and amended in committee.

Sec 1.10 c) states, "Subsection(b) does not apply to a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021". I think that this statement allows for loopholes that can make this bill ineffective. I'm concerned that this provides grey area where a contract or agreement terms may have been changed after January 19, 2021. I would like to see this statement removed from the bill.

Sec 1.10 f) details the actions that the Attorney General "may" take. I think this language is too flexible. If Texas ever ends up with an Attorney General that does not support our rights, that person may choose not to enforce this law. I would like to see all occurrences of "may" replaced with "shall" or something that makes it a requirement.

Sec 1.10 h) requiring the Attorney General to defend citizens, is good.

The final portion, about when the bill takes effect is especially worrisome. We all know it's very hard to get a bill to pass with two-thirds vote. I strongly suggest that the date, "September 1, 2021" be replaced with "January 1, 2021" to ensure that Texans are protected immediately upon passage. Using a date in the future opens the possibility for federal assault on citizens before this bill takes effect, and state resources being used to facilitate that assault.

Roger Welch

Self

Cedar Hill, TX

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Please stand against the national forces seeking to erode our God given right to self defense. There is now an unprecedented assault on the 2nd Amendment now with many on the Left pushing to take it away, or at least erode it. Texas has always been known as a strong constitutional state. Please help keep it that way. We need you to stand against the forces seeking to destroy our constitutional Republic. We are counting on you.

Leonard Elbon

self

Magnolia, TX

I support this bill. I firmly believe that Texas should be a 2nd amendment sanctuary state. I would like to see one change. This bill as written would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” I am very concerned this would negate the intention of the bill and would like to remove this clause or make the exception much narrower.

Gabriel Gaitan

self, SHSU graduate student

Huntsville, TX

Good afternoon Representative Holland,

I am Gabriel Gaitan, I am graduate student who is currently studying at Sam Houston State University specializing in Homeland Security Studies. Today, as your constituent, the citizens of Texas as well as I do am IN FAVOR of HB 2622. However, there is a need for improvement. While we support the declaration that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas and if local government entities that violate this would be cut off from state grant funds. We would also to note that this bill not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” The last section presents a problem, if this section is not amended, this bill would make constitutional carry useless, we would like to see this clause removed or have the exception much narrower. Like I said, constitutional carry is a priority, and this bill is good, but the contract agreement must be eliminated. I believe that the contract agreement would only discriminate gun owners, and firearms/ammunition industries and further violate our right to defend ourselves from criminals. Thank you for time, and I look forward for your response.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Gaitan

Shane Bertram

Self / Writer

Humble, TX

I SUPPORT HB 2622. Especially in recent times, the federal government has done a lot to greatly wound and restrict the Second Amendment rights of American Citizens. This is not only immoral and dishonest, but also unconstitutional. Texas should stand up, and be a bastion of one of the very most crucial of all American freedoms. It should pass HB 2622 and all other bills that protect Texans from federal overreach and tyranny, and preserve the freedom of its citizens to both possess and bear arms of all types, un-infringed as they are promised by the Second Amendment.

Santiago Diaz, Mr

Self

Seabrook, TX

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I support this bill, and ask for your support as well. Infringement of Texans' civil rights by the federal government should not be supported on any level of state government.

David Evans jr, Mr

Self/chemist

The colony, TX

Normally i wouldnt give legislation a second thought. I would just be patient and trust in the system. However given the 2a climate in DC, I feel ensuring sanctuary in the LONE STAR STATE. The only state that held its ground against another country, is of the utmost importance.

Texas joined the Union under the agreement that we could keep our weapons, and now the federal government is trying to take them from us, one small infringement at a time. First its restrictions, then its bans, then its buybacks, and then its confiscations.

Becoming a 2a sanctuary would be the best way to ensure that Texas wont fall under tyrannical rule, whether that rule come from within the US or outside of it.

And it needs to happen ASAP.

The last thing i want to mention is that with more people coming to Texas the likelihood of a mass shooting increases, and the evidence shows that with more gun control comes more shootings. Look at Colorado, Chicago, and California just off the top of my head.

Eduardo de Leon, Mr.

TSRA

Mesquite, TX

I support this bill part of the reason I came to US is the freedom of the people for the country I came from civilian have very limited rights and corrupt politician can do whatever they want cause they own the military. I have experience this during the office of the late Pres. Ferdinand Marcos when put down the Martial Law he has total power to do his own agenda. We are blessed got the opportunity to come to US

Ted Ramsay

Self/Mfg Planner at Lockheed Martin

Weatherford, TX

I support this bill. Let the State handle the State's business. Fed Gov is to much involved now. Please vote FOR this bill. Thank you.

Richard Kennedy, Mr

Self, Land Surveyor

Arlington, TX

Please SUPPORT HB 2622. It's time Texas stood up and took back the control that the Constitution gives to States. The Federal Government has overstepped it's power, and now is the time to take the lead against the tyranny that is coming from Washington.

Craig Farver

Self

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La Vernia, TX

This bill is very important to me. I fully expect you to support the Constitution in particular the 2nd Amendment. Law abiding citizens should not be criminalized by Federal laws restricting gun ownership. I'm a disabled veteran that's served our country for almost 40 years. Please preserve the rights that I've helped protect and sacrificed for. Thank you. God bless Texas and the United States!

Chris Dalrymple, Dr.

Self, Health care

Brenham, TX

My son is a state law enforcement officer. I SUPPORT this bill.

Too many LEOs are injured or killed as it is. For the State of Texas to "do the work" of unconstitutional, or just plain onerous federal law, or presidential executive orders, can place LEOs in dangerous situations. As evidenced by the State Trooper recently killed in Mexia – even when trying to do good, Troopers are regularly exposed to evil, harmful, dangerous individuals. They should not be required to do so at the behest of the Federal government for "political agendas."

If sanctuary cities are good enough because of "illegal migrants", then a sanctuary state is good enough for "constitutional defenders." Please support this bill.

Jessie Teddlie

Self

Whitt, TX

I am against any state regulations that prevents me from giving or donating or willing our possessions, including guns, to the family member or person WE want to by our right of ownership! The state or federal government does not have the right to take my possessions! If I give to someone and they commit a crime, it would then be for a court to determine if I aided and/or abetted!

I am against "red flag" laws as they open a door for any person to be "reported" by any individual who may "just have a grudge" against another person! There already is a way to ask that a person be evaluated as "a danger to him/herself without these types of laws! I have had personal experiences with "grudge" people and they just destroy lives unjustly!

Leo Bricker, Mr.

Self, The Grammatical Eye®, proofreading and copy editing.

Friendswood, TX

I STRONGLY support this measure and consider it a deciding factor in future support of incumbents both financially and with my vote.

Joseph Bravo, Mr

Self

Katy, TX

Texas has always stood for freedom and supported our constitution. Our rights should be preserved, therefore I urge you to support and pass this bill.

Clayton Hergert

Self, Owner, ATX Precision

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CEDAR PARK, TX

I am the owner and lead instructor of ATX Precision, a small business providing firearms training for private citizens, as well as Law Enforcement and Military personnel. A lifelong Texan, I served in Military Special Operations for 20 years. I founded ATX Precision after leaving active duty and returning back to Texas. With the current atmosphere in Washington, now is a very uncertain time for my business and my 2A rights. I urge you all to support HB2622 to protect our 2A rights as individuals as well as the firearms industry. We all want to increase safety, but many of the gun control measure being discussed do not actually impact the problems of mental health, gang violence, or suicide. Rather, they impact the legal gun owners who are abiding by the rules and doing the right thing, which is the VAST MAJORITY of gun owners. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Clayton Hergert
ATX Precision
757.575.3013

John Blocker jr
Self
Houston, TX

I support this bill

Billy Yant
Myself and My Spouse
Boerne, TX

I and my spouse fully support and promote this bill. It is absolutely critical for Americans and especially Texans to have this protection FROM the Marxists political agenda promoted by current and future Democrat (a.k.a. commiecrat) administrations. Our 2nd amendment right is the only mechanism that protects Americans from tyrants like the current Democrats in both the US congress and the Texas congress, Please pass this bill ASAP!! Respectfully, Billy Yant, Boerne Texas

Marilyn Zigmond
Self/Retired
Wimberley, TX

HB 1500 by Rep Hefner is a bill that would protect the operation of firearms manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, suppliers, retailers and shooting ranges during a disaster or state of emergency, and prohibits a Governor of Texas from regulating the sale, dispensing or transportation of firearms or ammunition and local officials from restricting the use of firearms or ammunition during a disaster or state of emergency. This bill is not about Governor Abbott, let me be clear about that! It is, however, going to protect us in the event we ever end up with an anti-gun Governor. We support this bill!

Myron Fischer
Individual
Austin, TX

dI support this bill HB2622

Ronald Olson
Ronald Olson
SAN ANTONIO, TX

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I support HB 2622 100%. Our State needs to back all Bills supporting the 2nd Amendment right to own and carry Firearms. The attacks by the democrats cannot and should not be allowed to remove our freedoms given to us by our forefathers. Texas is a conservative State and must remain conservative at all costs.

Myron Fischer

Individual

Austin, TX

I support HB 2622

William Deck

Motorcycle Parts Ltd inc

Cedar Creek, TX

Please vote for this bill.

Richard Cole

Texas State Rifle Association

MONTALBA, TX

There is a reason why the Fathers of our Country made the right to bear arms the second amendment immediately following the amendment for free speech, it is that important. Without the second amendment the first amendment cannot be defended.

“Those who trade liberty for security have neither. An armed man is a citizen, an unarmed man is a subject.” — John Adams

The words of John Adams confirm those of other founding fathers regarding the clear intent of the second amendment.

“Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American People’s liberty teeth and keystone under independence.” — George Washington

Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not.” — Thomas Jefferson

“To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike how to use them, especially when young.” — Richard Henry Lee 1788

“I ask, Sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people. To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them.” — George Mason 1788

Texas is a bright star in the history of man’s continuous fight for liberty. It now needs to lead the way for other states in resisting the federal government’s assault on the rights of the citizens of the United States. Unelected bureaucrats are eroding our rights with regulations that have not been passed by Congress or any legislative body. HB2622 will send the federal government a clear message, federal tyranny not be allowed in the State of Texas.

I would encourage Texas to take a step further and add the authority for Texas law enforcement officials to arrest federal agents who attempt to enforce unconstitutional firearm regulations or laws. Mercer County in Missouri has already passed an ordinance to give their law enforcement the authority to do this, the Mercer County Missouri Second Amendment Preservation Act. Please, I encourage all members of the Texas legislature to preserve our constitutional rights and our liberty, pass HB 2622.

Thank you,
Richard L Cole
Montalba, Texas

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Matthew Pappas
Self/GOA Texas
Lewisville, TX

I support this bill. It has unfortunately become obvious that each state will have to decide for itself how to protect it's citizens from overreach by the federal government. The rights protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution are under attack by interest groups throughout our country and our government. In order to protect our laws and the rights of our citizens, Texas must prepare to stand alone if need be. Creating laws which give the state government standing to oppose federal laws, orders, and rules is a fantastic start. I would, however, caution against making too broad an exemption as to take the teeth out of the law. If the state government can simply agree to help the federal government in enforcement, then this bill would only be a nice gesture with no real standing. We must ensure that future iterations of our state government have an ironclad legal standing to tell Washington "NO! Not here." I ask you to support this bill, but modifications to it should occur to give it a much narrower exception, or a higher bar to meet in order to protect the individual rights and liberties of Texans. Thank you

Cory Faylor
self
The Colony, TX

Thank you

Robert Haygood
STAR H RANCH LLC
TOPSEY/COPPERAS COVE, TX

please support

Margaretta Parma
myself - housewife
San Antonio, TX

Greetings,

I support bills HB 1550, HB 2558, and HB 2622.

Please do all you can to pass these bills.

Thank you,
Margaretta Parma

Roger McBee
Roger McBee Photography
Wimberley, TX

Honorable Members: I urge you to fully consider why this bill has been proposed. Laws that restrict the freedoms guaranteed in the 2nd Amendment will do nothing to stop senseless gun violence committed by criminals with no regard for the law, but would instead punish law-abiding citizens who own firearms legally and follow the laws of Texas. It seems to me that any rational-thinking person would understand this. I also believe this has been demonstrated in the states that have very strict gun control laws on the books. It is in those states that most crimes are committed, regardless of the strict gun control laws. I respectfully ask

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that you pass HB3622 by Representative Holland. Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Tezyk, Mr

Self

Midlothian, TX

I support this bill creating a Sanctuary State for our law abiding 2A community. Texas has no obligation to yield second amendment rights to the federal governments illegal violation of the constitution.

Marquerita Haase

Self - Homemaker

Denton, TX

As a woman, a law abiding, gun owning black woman (for those who think we don't exist), I will never support a rogue federal government that attempts to deny or penalize me for owning a firearm. Lawful citizens don't like to think of being non-compliant but hear this--I WILL NOT COMPLY. This is why I support Rep. Holland's Bill HB 2622 and any other bill that prohibits infringement on my right to keep, bear, and purchase firearms, ammunition and accessories.

Kristoffer Haase

Self-Carpenter

Denton, TX

We are at the point of no return. The federal government is at an all out war against those who will not bow to tyranny. But we will not go down without a fight or our firearms. I fully expect Texas representatives to fight with us. I support HB2622.

PHILLIP PETERSON

SELF

EDGEWOOD, TX

I SUPPORT HB 2622 and I further ask that any language limiting the breadth of this law be eliminated so that the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and recent Supreme Court cases - Heller and McDonald, are respected and not ignored by unlawful Executive Actions or Enforcement decisions made by Federal law enforcement.

Michael Jesse

Self

Georgetown, TX

As a citizen of the great state of Texas and the United States, it is unequivocally understood that the second amendment shall not be infringed and misinterpreted I'm any circumstances. I support this bill because this bill fortifies my constitutional right to bear and keep arms without being punished by unconstitutional acts of the government body.

Lee Kuhn

Self

Tomball, TX

There is nothing more important for all Texans then making the great state of Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary state. The constitution is what all politicians, government official, law enforcement, & court took oaths to uphold and many of them forget that the constitution was created by our founding fathers to never be able to be disputed or change in any way. The constitution

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was written to protect all americans pass, present & future and shall not be changed or infringed upon. By making Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary it protects all texans rights to keep & bear arms! Please make sure that this bill gets passed!

Leo D'Angelo

Self

Prosperr, TX

I strongly support this bill. "Shall not be infringed" means just that.

Kaleb Bosley

Myself

Temple, TX

I've been a life long Texan. I've always believed in the 2nd amendment and the inalienable right to own arms, regardless of what kind one chooses. The newly proposed federal firearms laws are an infringement on these rights, plain and simple. Texas has enough infringements in itself-abiding by any further firearms restrictions is a step in the wrong direction that many Texans will not support and will not comply with.

Walter Alexander

self and family/ retired

Texarkana, TX

It is important to our sovereignty that we not allow the Federal Government to overstep the powers granted individual states under the 10th amendment. The US Constitution was written to prevent Federal Government OVER REACH and the State of Texas needs to assure that we remain a free state, not controlled by a tyrannical Federal Government.

William Fitch

Self/Retired

Kerrville, TX

I SUPPORT all BUT that part of the bill referring to abiding by regulations effective on 1/21/2021. This needs to be removed to garner unqualified support.

Sherri Shadle

Self

Aspermont, TX

This bill needs to be amended to taking out the clause that applies to contractual agreements to help federal law enforcement with laws that are effective Jan. 19, 2021. No. This state needs to let the feds enforce federal laws without the help of local and state law enforcement. Our money, time, and space should NOT be utilized in the enforcement of ANY federal laws.

Charles Sizemore

Self

KELLER, TX

Dear Texas Representatives and Senators.

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As a resident of Texas and a strong supporter of the United States Constitution, I agree with the ideas of this Bill. I feel the 2nd Amendment is one of the underlying foundations of this country and any group or politicians that seek to undermine the Constitution should be fought as strongly as possible. I think Texas joining fellow States in becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary State will let the country know we stand for our Constitution and the Law of the Land. Not the whims of politicians that are trying to press their agenda over the Rights of the People.

Thank you for your time, Charles Sizemore

Brian McDaniel

self

crossroads, TX

The second amendment says shall not be infringed. Please live up to that. Let texas protect our rights.

Thomas Gordon

Self

Temple, TX

Hi my name is Thomas Gordon

I support HB 2622 by Holland

Thank you, Thomas

Michael Green

The Citizens of the State of Texas

Bulverde, TX

The clause about contracts needs to be removed, or we will be forced to OBEY the federal's laws banning guns. The part about contracts or agreement makes this bill worthless and might as well be thrown in the trash. We need laws to help the citizens of Texas to protect ourselves from the increase in crimes, and the federal's laws will destroy the hunting businesses in the state of Texas .

Rafael Bouet

Self

San Antonio, TX

I believe that the 2nd Amendment should not be infringe period. I make sense to declare Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary now!

Barry McFarland

Self, VP Environmental Health and Safety

Spring, TX

Support HB 2622

With the Biden Administration vowing to declare war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our Second Amendment Rights is now. Even though these bills may be challenged in court, the Texas legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to protect the constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement. The Interstate Commerce Clause of the Constitution– the clause that Congress uses to regulate virtually anything, including guns, on the basis that they affect interstate commerce – has been read too broadly for far too long. It is time to turn the tide and push

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back on Congress' attempts to regulate everything.

In the 1997 case of *Printz v. United States*, the Supreme Court held that the Federal government could not compel states to enforce their laws for them. They could give a carrot or stick but could not force states to enforce federal laws. The great state of Texas needs to stand up and say "NO" to any efforts to have Texas agencies, employees or departments assist in violating our God given rights as protected by the Bill of Rights.

Teresa Cleghorn, Mrs

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support HB2622 - without any broad exemptions. Texas agencies should not enforce any federal firearms, ammunitions, or accessory laws.

Eric Shin

Self

Austin, TX

The 2nd Amendment is there in case the 1st doesn't work out. We must preserve what's left of the Constitution by declaring this state a sanctuary for the 2nd Amendment.

Charis Calvert

self-disabled

Dripping Springs, TX

I support this bill so long as the following section is completely removed from the legislation - "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021."

suzy Robinson

Self

McGregor, TX

I believe in case of disasters and emergencies the people should be free to protect themselves in any manner they see fit. Quit trying to manipulate the constitution and our freedoms. Constitutional Carry should be the law of the land. Period!

Daniel Davis

Self, Government employee

Corpus Christi, TX

This is a step in the right direction. Ideally the state of Texas would enforce NO federal regulations that restrict the second amendment, past or present. The federal government is out of line restricting the rights of Texans based on both the 2nd and 10th amendments. We have allowed the federal government too much power over us for far too long and it's time to draw a line in the sand.

james Britton

self

Greenville, TX

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I support this bill. It allows us a state to deal with our own problems. The federal government rarely gets anything right. Thanks James

Duff Starrett

Texas Native and Resident

Dickinson, TX

I am asking all Texas Representatives to support the US and Texas Constitutions, and protect the gun right of Texas Citizens. The Bill of Rights is our gift from those who founded this Country. It was never meant for the Federal Government to pick and chose what freedoms we are allowed.

Thank you, Duff Starrett

John English

Self

Greenville, TX

As a texan I support this bill.

John English

Self

Greenville, TX

The following clause should be removed from this bill: “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” We are concerned this would make the bill meaningless and would like to remove this clause or make the exception much narrower.

Christie Mariotto

Self

Sumner, TX

Please support making Texas a sanctuary state with regard to firearms. In the current climate of federal overreach Texas should not be required to use its own resources or agencies to enforce federal gun or ammunition mandates. Support Texas citizens and HB 2622.

Craig Ellsworth

Self / Private Security

Cypress, TX

There is an inalienable natural right to self defense. Along with that goes the necessary corollary right to not be denied the means to defend yourself effectively. For the vast majority of people in the vast majority of situations in which deadly force would be justified, a firearm is by far the most effective means of self defense. Recognizing this, the founders of this country ratified the second amendment to the Constitution of the United States to guarantee the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

Unfortunately, there are many people in the federal government determined to trample upon the rights of the citizens for political purposes. Accordingly, it is incumbent upon the government of each state to protect the rights of its citizens from federal overreach and abuse. Responsible, good people are not part of the problem with violence, and they never will be. Their right to keep and bear arms for self defense should be staunchly defended, not infringed. I urge you to support legislation to make Texas a second amendment sanctuary state.

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Sammy Brown

Self

Pottsboro, TX

I feel 100% that Texas should be a 2nd Amendment sanctuary state and urge you to vote accordingly.
I feel that 2nd Amendment rights are the single most important issue facing America today.

MICHAEL HOECHERL

Mike's Guns

Katy, TX

This bill would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” We are concerned this would make the bill meaningless and would like to remove this clause or make the exception much narrower.

Mike Harkins, Attorney

Attorney Self

Houston, TX

I support the bill. Its up to Texas to defend the second amendment from violations by the federal government.

Justin Smith

Self

Aurora, TX

SUPPORT - Texas needs to stand for its citizen's right to bear arms as protected by the 2nd Amendment.

Randy Dowell

Self

Amarillo, TX

There should be no law regulating firearms arms in the State of Texas with the exception of age and mental illnesses.

Michael Maza

Self

Volente, TX

I sincerely hope that our state representatives will stand behind this bill that seeks to bring us closer to becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary. Over the years we have seen an increase in the Federal Government's desire to impose it's anti-gun policy over the State. Our Founding Fathers chose that the reach of the Federal body be limited in scope, reserving the right to govern the larger share of the affairs of the citizenry to the State in which they reside. The Great State of Texas should follow the lead of other Second Amendment-friendly States and restrict any infringement of its citizenry's right to keep and bear arms by any entity up to and including, most importantly, that of the Federal Government.

Jeremy Hersom

Self

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Anna, TX

I support HB2622!

Committee members thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.

We are seeing an over reach by the federal government as it pertains to our God given rights. Rights that government was instituted to protect. We need our state legislature to step up and protect our rights since we cannot faithfully rely on our federal government for these protections.

Law abiding citizens who own firearms obey the law. They are not criminals and should be afforded the protection of governments. Please make Texas a Second Amendment sanctuary state!

Andres Aguilar

self

Houston, TX

I'm support this bill with regard to limiting federal antigun laws or regulations of BATF rules

Jack Weaver

Self

Celina, TX

I support this bill. What I would like to see removed, or to make narrower, is the clause in the language: "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021." Otherwise, if that clause stays, I still support the bill and would like to see this passed. Texas needs to keep it's 2nd Amendment strong

Jess Halpin

Self roofing and gutters

Arlington, TX

I humbly ask that you would, as a Representative of the People of our great state, and as a Public servant who has sworn allegiance to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, would vote yes on HB 2622, which would effectively make Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary State, to protect it's citizens from the oppressive and unconstitutional gun control which is being pushed forth by an agenda which has proved to be contrary to We the People and our great constitution upon which we were established. If you are unsure where you stand on this matter, I implore you to look at the FBI stats, which show that among all gun violence, rifles, the category which AR's and AK's fall into, because the FBI itself does not put them in a separate category, as certain Politicians have made an erroneous habit of doing, make up a minute amount of the murders committed by criminals with guns. It's around 4 percent, where as pistols are used in over 50 percent of murders. The FBI shows that more people are killed by hammers than by "assault rifles." Though they might be used in some of the mass shootings which the media has made us aware of, but yet doesn't speak of all the mass shootings which happen almost every weekend in Chicago and other cities in high crime areas, and which are almost always perpetrated with pistols and not AR's or AK's. Not to mention, Chicago has the highest gun violence in our country but yet the strictest gun control. Even with their background checks and high capacity magazine bans and AR style rifle bans, the people perpetrating these crimes get their guns through the black market and don't care about the gun laws at all. The only people that profit from more strict gun control are criminals and leaders inclined towards tyranny. Our Second amendment was literally established for we the people to not fall under Tyranny, and the founding fathers warned that if the government ever began infringing on our Second Amendment that tyranny would soon follow, which history has proved time and again. I know many people, I among them, who own AR's or AK's and own high capacity magazines, and we are no threat to any of our fellow citizens. We are not inclined towards terrorism or using them to harm anyone, but to enjoy them as a recreational activity, as a means of protecting our loved ones and homes, and ourselves, and for hunting. And of the greatest percentage of gun owners this is what you will find. The evil people who perpetrate such crimes as mass shootings don't care about the gun control laws, and will either turn to the black market, which grows stronger with more gun control, and even if they don't use that route, can and usually do pass background checks even if they have mental instability. So to ban AR's/AK's/ high cap mags, and the right of private sales, won't make anyone more safe, in fact it would create more danger. Which brings me

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to my next request which is voting yes on constitutional carry. Thank you very much.

Michael Sisson

self - Electrical Engineer

Arlington, TX

I would like to voice my support for prohibiting Texas personnel and resources from helping to enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. And, furthermore, any local government or entity that violates this should be cut off from state grant funds. However, the clause in the bill that states that it would not apply to "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021" is too broad and would significantly reduce the impact and effectiveness of this bill. If there are specific cases where this is needed, those specific instances should be spelled out with an explanation of why an exception is needed.

Cal Dean

Self/business owner

Richmond, TX

I speak in favor of this bill. With all of the over the top rhetoric on the national level by people with little or no idea of firearms Texas needs to protect its citizens & industry from unconstitutional federal laws.

Mitchell Peters

The great state of Texas

El Paso, TX

We will not be governed by tyrannical entities. Nor will we stand aside when the ATF abuses power. Try to come and take it snakes ??

Michael Mayhew

Self

Rowlett, TX

I support this Bill (with modifications) and ask that our Elected Representatives vote to pass this Bill (minus "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement. Of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect January 19, 2021" as this verbiage could make the passing of this Bill meaningless as we would still be beholden to Washington's political fluctuations. Texas/Texans should not be subjected to the political ebbs and flows in Washington D.C. when it comes to our Second Amendment Rights. With the long history of Texas, and the overarching will of our people, Texas needs to take a stand become a leader in supporting Second Amendment Rights.

Richard Jones, Mr

Self

Abilene, TX

I ask you to approve HB 2622

Richard Jones, Mr

Self

Abilene, TX

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I seek approval for HB 2622

Jeannie Hassell

Self/Retired

Zapata, TX

This bill declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas and that local government entities that violate this would be cut off from state grant funds. I fully support both of these.

However, this bill would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” I am concerned this would make the bill meaningless so therefore I suggest the removal of this clause or make the exception much narrower.

Josh Lloyd

Self

Elgin, TX

I support, and I ask that you support HB 2622 because our 2nd amendment is under attack by our current administration in the name of politics. The policies that the Biden administration is pushing through is going to hurt law abiding citizens, hindering our ability to protect our families, friends, and of course ourselves. This will result in the loss of lives. One here, 3 there, 2 here, etc. The focus is being diverted away from the real issue- mental health & a healthy family system. It also may cause Texans hundreds or thousands of additional dollars depending on what kinds of bills get pushed through. They also have no consideration for those who use guns for sport and hobby. We are lucky to live in a state that values our 2nd amendment, values family, values our constitution. We value our right to live our lives the way we want to. We need to do all that we can to protect our God-given rights from those looking to strip those rights from us.

John Sims

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please vote in favor of HB 2622.

Charles Freeman

self

Overton, TX

With the Left-wing Socialist leaders in the Federal government declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is NOW.

In the 1997 case of *Printz v. United States*, the Supreme Court held that the Federal government could not compel states to enforce their laws for them. They could give a carrot or stick but couldn't force states to enforce federal laws.

Even though these bills may be challenged in court, the Texas legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to protect the constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement.

Bruce Abernathy

Retired

Dallas, TX

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Either remove or tighten up the exception language portion of this bill.

William Glosson

8 gun rights org.

Huntsville, TX

TAKE ALL THE HELP away from THE FEDS on our gun right.

Eric Herrera

Self

Robstown, TX

It's time to push the government back to their small corner of the nation. The people of Texas need not anymore government overreach.

Craig Devenney

Self

Katy, TX

Please protect the Second Amendment in this great State of Texas. Do not let the current, or future, crop of Socialist-Democrats in the federal government destroy the US Constitution by disarming patriotic Texans.

Charles Erwin

Self

Carrollton, TX

Please withdraw support from all legislation Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas. .

Tim DePalma

self

AUBREY, TX

I am in favor of declaring that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. If the federal government will not obey the second amendment, Texas should and will!

I also support local government entities that violate this to be cut off from state grant funds.

This bill would not apply to "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021." I am very concerned this would make the bill meaningless and would like to remove this clause or make the exception much narrower.

dale ross

self

katy, TX

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Texas is a proud state with no equal. Our history promotes independence. The federal government should not control states rights. The laws the federal government is wanting to enact go against the very nature of the country itself, let alone Texas. Do anyone really think that criminals will abide by any gun laws? These laws will only limit law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and enjoying the freedoms our forefathers put in place to allow the citizens to protect themselves from government tyranny. Thank you.

Eric Schafer
Self - Educator
Hewitt, TX

Texas should not be enforcing any federal gun laws! Keep Texas peace officers from oppressing Texans. The federal gov't is out of control, and Texas gov't must step up and protect the rights of Texans in every way!

Herbert Bidwell
private citizen
Livingston, TX

As an avid supporter of the Second Amendment, I fully support this bill.

Robert Ross
Self
Cypreds, TX

We cannot continue to let the federal government remove our second amendment rights under the constitution of the United States.

Ellis Knox
Knox Shooting Academy
Pittsburg, TX

This bill is absolutely necessary to prevent the enforcement of unconstitutional federal laws intended to disarm law abiding Texans, and empower armed criminals. The FBI reported the practically all firearms used in criminal activity are stolen and the rest acquired by straw purchases. Disarming law abiding Texans will not solve a criminal problem. This current administration in D.C. are radical leftist and one of the major items needed by socialist to rule is to disarm the population. A disarmed population can be ruled, instead of governed, and to rule is the aim of the democrat party. Texas must stand for freedom, that's what the defenders of the Alamo died for. Texas cannot turn its back on their legacy. This bill is a bulwark in defense against tyrannical federal laws.

Cynthia Gant, Colonel
self
Fort Worth, TX

In light of our changing world with groups like Antifa and BLM and the Federal Government making laws to strip American citizens of their constitutional rights particularly the first and 2nd amendment rights. States like Texas need to step up and protect their citizen's constitutional rights. The police will not be able to protect us in a crisis. When seconds count law enforcement is minutes away. We need to have the means to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our property especially with the surge of illegals entering the country. This can be a serious security risk especially for border states like Texas. This why I support this bill. I served in the U. S, Army Reserve for 28 years and I took an oath to protect the U.S. Constitution against all enemies foreign and

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Domestic. I pray you will protect your citizen's right to keep and bear arms. Thank you Sincerely, Cynthia Gant

Peter Greco

NA

Anahuac, TX

In these times of severe overreach from the Federal Government it is important to protect Texans from unconstitutional Federal executive orders or laws on firearms. and ammunition. The states must protect us as you are our last hope.

Please take action to protect us from losing our 2nd. amendment rights.

Steve Lyautey

Myself

ARLINGTON, TX

The Great State of Texas should have been the very first State to pass this legislation a long time ago. Now is the time to make this right and ensure that Texas is a State that is protected from infringement by the Federal Government when it comes to firearm and ammunition ownership. I am asking that all of you trust your constituents that you were voted into office to represent and pass this legislation. It IS the right thing to do and will have enormous benefits to protect not only Texas but also the Constitution of The United States of America. Thanks in advance.

Frank Krawiec

Self

Justin, TX

Please allow us to be a 2A sanctuary

Nichole Chaput

Self

League City, TX

Dear Representatives,
Support HB 2622!

There is no doubt that the federal government is looking to disarm its citizens. Texas must take a stand and do everything in its power to prevent this.

Texas should not be used to enforce unconstitutional federal laws onto its citizens.

Support and pass HB 2622 now!

Thank you

Robert Sensabaugh, Mr

Self

Arlington, TX

I strongly support this bill. Stop federal overreach.

Eugene Lux

Self

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Fredericksburg, TX

Please support this bill

Tommy Ingram

Gun Owners of America

Murchison, TX

As a lifelong Texas citizen and honorably retired career law enforcement officer who firsthand has seen the impacts of crime on victims, I encourage support of this article of legislation. In light of DNC efforts to abolish the US 2nd Amendment, disarming a righteous people and making criminals of law abiding citizen gun owners, Texas should stand against the tyranny of the current administration to obliterate the US Constitution.

Ted Moore

Self

north richland hills, TX

I urge Texas lawmakers to support HB 2622 by drafting and passing a meaningful version of this bill that has teeth.

The following clause,

“a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.”,

should be removed or revised to take effect immediately as to not allow the now radically left controlled Washington time to pass any more draconian laws than they already have.

Another change in the bill should provide that any local entities' that violate this should not only be cut off from State funding but should also be prosecuted under law.

The radical left is out in full force to destroy our country, rights and way of life.

Texas should take the lead in sending a strong message that this will not be tolerated.

Mark Roberts

Self

Ft Worth, TX

I fully support this legislation....

RICHARD JENKINS

ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

HOUSTON, TX

On behalf of all Texas 2A Rights Supporters & Voters, I ask that you, please, vote to pass this bill.

Jim Newman

self

Grapevine, TX

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I support this bill for the following:

- 1) It protects Texan's from the Federal Infringements on our Constitutional rights, both the US & Texas constitution.
- 2_) It tells the federal government that no law enforcement agency in Texas will help in executing said laws and no Texas tax payer money will be used.
- 3) I believe this bill should even be stronger by telling the federal government that what they think is best for all, does not mean it will work in Texas. The federal government should not Infringe on states' rights. This bill should move quickly and be passed.

Darrin Rousse

self/engineer

Sugar Land, TX

In our current political climate where the federal government is trying to enact gun control laws and policies aimed at establishing gun registration, bans and ultimately confiscation I not only have legitimate concerns as to how our federal government has gotten to this point but also how they intend to enforce such tyranny if enacted.

It's a foregone conclusion that ATF, FBI and other federal alphabet soup agencies are all in on the enforcement aspects.

But just like many Nazi collaborators in different countries helped make the holocaust death machine possible in WW2, the federal government must rely heavily upon state and local law enforcement officers (LEO's) including state national guardsmen to enforce their tyranny.

While I have faith that many Military and LEO's won't participate in such actions it is my single biggest concern that far too many of them will.

Whose side are they going to be on when it comes to enforcing these unconstitutional, unjust laws and following unlawful orders as well as the arbitrary decrees and interpretations by federal bureaucracies?

Will they be more concerned with their paychecks, pensions and "just following orders" or will they have the integrity to keep their oaths and do the right things or at least refuse to do the wrong things when faced with these difficult decisions

So let's make these issues a non-starter for our TX National Guardsmen, all TX LEO's - state and local and any other applicable agencies and entities that operate under TX state authority by not placing them in a position to have to decide such things in the first place.

This is why i strongly support making Texas a Second Amendment (2A) sanctuary state by removing any undue burdens or obligations that would be placed upon TX defenders by requiring them to enforce unconstitutional and tyrannical federal gun control laws thus making it exponentially more difficult for federal LEO's entities to enforce.

I also believe not doing so would undoubtedly place our TX LEO's and citizens alike in grave peril because I know tyrannical and unconstitutional actions taken to physically disarm the citizenry or otherwise enforce such laws will be met with the same actions history has as shown our forefathers have taken when they were faced with being disarmed by British troops preceding the revolutionary war.

This is not a situation anyone wants to face but should it become necessary, I believe many citizens are not going to sit idly by and let this happen unchecked are willing to be part of a mass uprising to defend their rights.

So in the name of God, the continued Freedom and Liberty of our Country and our State, as well as the general public safety, the safety of TX LEO's and all entities under TX state authority I implore you to pass legislation making Texas a 2A sanctuary.

Otherwise, COME AND TAKE IT!

Mal Staples

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Self. Retired from Oilfield in 2021

Spring, TX

My wife and I support House Bill 2622, and want to see it passed.

We support the 2nd Amendment, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights for Americans and Texans.

Please let us know if we can do anything to further passage of this Bill.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Mal and Regina Staples

James Lenaburg

Self - Retired

Keller, TX

This bill is a good start in protecting our 2nd Amendment rights under the US Constitution and the Texas Constitution. Arizona just passed a similar bill <https://www.kgun9.com/news/state/arizona-senate-sends-2nd-amendment-bill-to-governor> so it is not out of the ordinary and should absolutely be passed by our Texas Legislature and sent to the Governor to sign.

Mark Junker

Self - Semiconductor Equipment Eng.

Coppell, TX

I applaud the state of Texas for standing up to the federal government to protect our 2a rights.

Arthur Cameron

self, Retired

Tyler, TX

I support this bill, with the removal of the exception to "a contract or agreement...in effect on January 19, 2021."

Texas should be a sanctuary for law abiding people, free from fear of the Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, or accessories.

Local government entities that violate this sanctuary should suffer some consequences, and fiscal cutbacks are the easiest to implement.

laura vann

self/retired

azle, TX

I am very concerned with the gun control agenda of the Biden administration and was grateful when Governor Abbott said that he wanted to see Texas a sanctuary state for the second amendment. I have been watching for legislation that would accomplish this goal and was thankful to find this bill. Please support.

Richard Hanson

Self

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EL PASO, TX

The Constitution of the United States is written in clear language. If the federal government chooses not to read, Texas must step in for the good of our citizens.

Bruce Wiswell

self, Retired Federal Engineer

McKinney, TX

Support this bill. Texas law enforcement resources should be used to enforce state laws not federal laws that differ from ours.

Gary Johnston

Self

Houston, TX

Please vote in favor of HB 2622. This will help keep Texas a free state and it's citizens safe. Thank you!

Scott Walston

Self

Uvalde, TX

I support this bill. The federal government far overreaches it's rights to control how Texas manages laws and protects rights of it's citizens. We must have full rights to bear arms and Texas should be a state that stands strongly in support of the 2nd amendment.

Kurt Brown

Self, Law Student

Wolfforth, TX

I support HB 2622 because it would affirm the sovereignty of Texas by ensuring Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws do not exist in Texas. Local government entities that violate the law would be cut off from state grant funds.

First, the bill as written would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” Section 1.10(c). Federal tyranny is not limited to the Biden administration, and this language should be removed in its entirety.

As to the substance of the bill, the Commerce clause only permits federal regulation of commerce “among the several States.” U.S. Const. art. I, § 8, cl. 3. Despite an expansive reading into World War II, the U.S. Supreme Court has acknowledged more recently limits of the scope of the Commerce clause. In *United States v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. 549, 567 (1995), the Court rejected that expansive reading of the commerce clause, holding “[t]he possession of a gun in a local school zone is in no sense an economic activity...[we are unwilling to] convert congressional authority under the Commerce Clause to a general police power of the sort retained by the States.” In *Printz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898 (1997), the Supreme Court held that the federal government could not compel states to enforce federal laws. Finally, appeals to the Supremacy clause are unavailing, as federal laws are only “supreme” to the degree they are “in Pursuance thereof,” i.e., a law not made pursuant to the Constitution and its limitations is no law at all. U.S. Const. art. VI, cl. 2; see also *Printz*, 521 U.S. at 924-25 (“the Supremacy Clause merely brings us back to the question discussed earlier, whether laws conscripting state officers violate state sovereignty and are thus not in accord with the Constitution.”).

Absent unforthcoming permission from the federal courts, the Texas Legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to protect the constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement. Tex. Const. art. I, § 1 (“Texas

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is a free and independent State... and the maintenance of... the perpetuity of the Union depend[s] upon the preservation of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all the States.”).

I similarly support HB 112, 635, 915 & 919.

William Fitch

Self/Retired

Kerrville, TX

I support this bill and appreciate the efforts of the author and all the co-authors. Thank you for protecting us from Federal Government over-reach in violation of the 10th Amendment.

Britton Spader

Self / Pilot

Fort Worth, TX

Every single one of Texas's representatives ought do their jobs and uphold their oaths to support the constitution by opposing all attempts of the federal government to restrict, in any capacity, Texans' 2nd amendment rights to keep and bear arms. Our rights came from God Almighty - not from Joe Biden, not from the democrats, not from RINOs like Dan Red Flag Law Confiscation Crenshaw, and not from the globalist oligarchy or their lobbyists. Therefore, it's not only time to stop infringing on firearms, it's high time we reverse existing gun control.

Anti-gunners can beg to be disarmed all they want since they believe it will make the country safer. The truth is, gun control will not make good people safer at all and I'm sick and tired of far left, anti-American, anti-gun, marxists pretending otherwise.

Despite democrats' & weak RINOs' illusions, more gun control does not equal less crime. Take a look at macrotrends.net for murder rates in the U.S. From 1990 to 2018. Murder & homicide rates have declined by nearly half. If guns are the problem, then how do you explain the fact that homicide and murder rates have dropped so much when an additional 200 million guns entered the American market during that time (according to data gathered from the ATF (which should be a convenience store not a federal agency), information from the Congressional Research Service, and reports from the U.S. International Trade Commission). This means, more good people with guns = less violent crime.

Our deceptive & anti-American media seems to lead people to believe mass shootings happen in America more than any other country. The truth of the matter is that the United States is not even in the top 50 on the list of countries in terms of mass shooting rates per capita (according to Crime Research Prevention Center).

Americans love guns. Americans own a lot of guns. This is a great news for we the people and bad news for potential genocidal tyrants like Hitler or Mao who tyrannically killed tens of millions of unarmed people.

Last if gun control bills are honestly about saving lives (which I doubt), then we ought to promote 3 things: morality, personal responsibility & gun ownership. There's an obvious reason that mass shooters target gun free zones over 90% of the time. On a side note, it seems to me that an awful lot of mass shooters are on drugs, anti-depressants and an array of other pills. Maybe it's time we consider if these anti-depressants, many of which list "thoughts of suicide" as a side effect, could increase the chances of homicidal thoughts as well. Maybe it's time we look into things that pollute peoples' minds, decision making & moral values before we potentially allow executive fiat to strip freedoms from innocent people. This country needs to stop the dishonest routine of placing blame on inanimate objects rather than the individual character of criminals. Support the 2nd. Reject federal gun control. Pass constitutional carry.

William Geyer

self

Granbury, TX

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I'm asking for your support of this bill to protect all Texans from unconstitutional Federal overreach.

Thank You

Jeb Brown, Mr.

self

Boerne, TX

I am in full support of declaring Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary State, but we need to change the date as it applies to "contract or agreement in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation" to Jan 1, 1968. Oklahoma who is leading the way in the restoration of rights for it's citizens and is utilizing this date as well. It is wrong that the Federal government is turning law abiding citizens into criminals by restricting the second. It is even more wrong when a citizen doesn't comply and risks loosing everything, including their life, for protecting and defending the Constitution. We need some backup here ladies and gentlemen. Thanks!

Charles Guest

Self / Technical Service

KATY, TX

As a law abiding gun owner living in Texas and a legal LTC holder in the State of Texas, I fully support this bill.

Michael Fossum

Self, engineer

Austin, TX

I support this bill, and ask that you do too. The current democrat government in Washington DC plans to pass unconstitutional laws (guns bans, etc.) that will infringe on 2nd amendment rights. Prohibiting Texas police departments and governmental entities from enforcing any federal law or executive order is a good start to defending against the federal government. Please vote for HB 2622.

Michael Stom

Self / IT

Wylie, TX

Please support a sanctuary State for our law abiding 2A community by supporting HB 2622. Texas state resources should not be used to enforce federal firearms laws.

Thank You

Beryl Cotton

Self Engineer retired

Lexington, TX

I support this bill with one exception. This bill states "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021." This statement would make the bill ineffective, so remove this clause.

John Stiles

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Self

Dallas, TX

Hi, my name is John Stiles, and I am in favor of HB 2622. Well we can take the same play book from the Democrats in Blue States in regards to illegal immigration. These states like California fail to detain certain illegal aliens from ICE, why can't we here in the Red States do the same in regards to certain kinds of weapons the Federal Government Agency like the ATF deem dangerous or worth confiscating. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. Right? Unless explicitly stated in the US Constitution, I think States do retain certain amount of Sovereignty if the State feels certain Federal regulations or the enforcement of certain kinds kinds of firearms or accessories does not best served the public or its citizens of Texas. I think the State of Texas should have this right. And that is the reason I support HB 2622.

Melisha Corbitt

Self

Austin, TX

I am in favor of HB 2622 because it protects Texans' Second Amendment rights from a federal government that seeks to pass laws that further restrict the possession and ownership of firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition. I support this bill because it declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. However, this bill "does not apply to a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021." I am concerned this would make the bill meaningless and would like to remove this clause or make the exception much narrower.

David Berleth

Self Retired

Houston, TX

I support this bill. Declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas.

Local government entities that violate this bill would be cut off from state grant funds. I support this wording.

This bill would not apply to "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule or regulation in effect on Jan 19, 2021. I am concerned this would make the bill meaningless.

Mark Browning

Self/IT Analyst

Frisco, TX

I strongly, strongly support HB 2622 by Holland, Second Amendment Sanctuary State, protecting us against federal infringements; we must stand strong and push back against the anti-gun Federal infringement. With the Federal government declaring war on us gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is more important than ever. Our Texas legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to protect the constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement. It's time to turn the tide and push back on Congress' attempts to regulate everything.

"Shall not be infringed." Thank you for your support.

Tom Cunningham

Self

Austin, TX

The politicians in Washington have long since given up on the constitution, and now they aren't even bothering to conceal their intention to eliminate the right of the people to bear arms as described in the 2nd Amendment. While we may not be able to change their minds on this we certainly don't have to help them. Please support this bill and stand up for Texans' right to defend

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themselves -and please consider an ammendment to the bill that would close any loopholes to the spirit of it.

BRIAN PAPKE

Self

CEDAR CREEK, TX

I fully, and with all my soul, support HB2622! It is an absolute heartbreaking shame it has come to this, but with the current climate in DC, we must look after our own. If we have to draw this line in the sand to send DC the message so be it. PASS HB 2622. We must not fall to the tyrannical whims of DC. We are Texas.

Don Spraggins

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I support HB2622.

Nathan Rodriguez, Mr.

Self

Lubbock, TX

I SUPPORT this bill, although this bill would not apply to "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statue, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.' We are concerned this would make the bill meaningless and would like to remove this clause or make the exception much narrower.

Federal government has declared that they would like to ban certain types of firearms which would be an infringement on our right to the Second Amendment. We have the support of Governor Abbott for these types of bills and as one of his constituents I too support Second Amendment Sanctuaries. The calls for gun bans and universal background checks to punish the law abiding citizens of this country for the crimes of individuals who will not obey these "assault weapon bans" is simply unethical. The people should have the right to choose for themselves what they want to use to protect their families and neighbors.

Please support our Second Amendment right. Special THANK YOU to all of the representatives who have co-authored this bill.

Doris Spraggins

self

Fredericksburg, TX

I support HB 2622.

Kristofer Korpenfelt

self, IT Manager

Plano, TX

"The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". When those words were written, private citizens owned rifles, pistols, cannons, and even warships, and those citizens freely bought, sold, and manufactured firearms of all types. Firearms were carried whenever responsible citizens felt like carrying them, and if they misused them, the criminals were punished instead of the law-abiding citizens.

I've owned numerous guns for nearly 20 years, I've never been convicted of anything but a traffic infraction. I've never aimed a gun at a person, I don't even hunt or fish because I dislike hurting living creatures. And yet my right as a member of "the people"

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is infringed upon every day. I already need federal approval to buy a gun to plink cans at the range, and if the government decides they're not interested in approving me today, I'm not allowed to buy that gun. Further, the government has made it clear that their intention is to require their approval for me to buy magazines for my guns, and what kind of magazines. I'll also need government approval to buy ammunition, and to sell my guns, and they want to limit how many guns I may own or how often I buy them. If the government decides they're just approving anyone anymore, for any reason, is that not in direct violation of the Second Amendment? I've never heard of something that "shall not be infringed" being infringed upon with such impunity.

Many say that the Second Amendment protects the rest of the amendments, that without a way for the citizens to protect themselves from tyranny and oppression, the government has no reason not to move in that direction. Never has there been a federal government more willing to strip law-abiding Americans of the rights they've enjoyed for nearly 250 years, and if anyone thinks things will get better anytime soon, I have beautiful oceanfront property in Plano to sell them. Only by states such as Texas joining Idaho, Wyoming, Alaska, and Kansas in stepping up and drawing a line, saying "NO, our citizens have God-given rights enumerated in the Constitution that we will not allow to be infringed upon" will anyone in Washington realize they're not the kings and queens of America, and are instead the citizens' employees.

Thank you for standing up for my rights as a citizen of Texas.

Candido Bernabe II, Mr.

Self

Cedar Park, TX

"In fact, the assault weapons ban will have no significant effect either on the crime rate or on personal security. Nonetheless, it is a good idea ... Passing a law like the assault weapons ban is a symbolic - purely symbolic - move in that direction. Its only real justification is not to reduce crime but to desensitize the public to the regulation of weapons in preparation for their ultimate confiscation." - Charles Krauthammer, columnist, 4/5/96 Washington Post.

Texas needs to follow the strategies of James Madison's for resisting federal overreach in Federalist #46, which serves as the basis for the legal doctrine of "anti-commandeering." As well as Thomas Jefferson's Strategy for Nullification. There is over 150 years of Supreme Court precedent to Ban enforcement of any Federal Gun Control legislation.

The following are the five landmark cases where the Court has upheld this doctrine.

In *Prigg v. Pennsylvania* (1842), Justice Joseph Story held that the federal government could not force states to implement or carry out the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793. He said that it was a federal law, and the federal government ultimately had to enforce it...

In *New York v. United States* (1992) Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the majority in the 6-3 decision: As an initial matter, Congress may not simply "commandeer the legislative processes of the States by directly compelling them to enact and enforce a federal regulatory program."

Printz v. United States (1997) serves as the lynchpin for the anti-commandeering doctrine. At issue was a provision in the Brady Gun Bill that required county law enforcement officers to administer part of the background check program.

Citing the New York case, the court majority declared this provision of the Brady Gun Bill unconstitutional, expanding the reach of the anti-commandeering doctrine.

In *Independent Business v. Sebelius* (2012), the Court held that the federal government cannot compel states to expand Medicaid by threatening to withhold funding for Medicaid programs already in place. Justice Robert Kennedy argued that allowing Congress to essentially punish states that refused to go along violates constitutional separation of powers.

In *Murphy v. NCAA* (2018), the Court held that Congress can't take any action that "dictates what a state legislature may and may not do" even when the state action conflicts with federal law. Samuel Alito wrote, "a more direct affront to state sovereignty is not easy to imagine." He continued:

... Conspicuously absent from the list of powers given to Congress is the power to issue direct orders to the governments of the States. The anticommandeering doctrine simply represents the recognition of this limit on congressional authority.

HB 2622, along with the reintroduction of HB 553 Legislative Session: 83 (R) , The Second Amendment Preservation Act, should be passed to protect & preserve the Constitutional Rights of all Texans!!

Jo Foley

Self N/A

Henderson, TX

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Texas needs to be a 2nd Amendment state. Texas is a state of gun owners, both republican and democrat. The federal government is now attacking all states and trying to take away our God given and Constitutional rights. Texas must stand up for the people. This law would help citizens and businesses know some security. Texas personnel and resources would not be used to help the federal government destroy lives and none should be used unless it is one of OUR laws. Texas must pass this bill to help it's citizens' safety. There is one part of the bill that should be stricken which is 'This bill would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.”' I would like to see the 'Made in Texas' HB915 and HB 635 incorporated into this bill to make it stronger. If not, then vote HB915 and HB635 into stand alone laws.

Alan Dugger

Self: Managing Member Tactical Springs LLC DBA Sprinco USA

Leander, TX

Thank you for this opportunity to address your Committee regarding H.R. 2622. I'm a 68 year old native Texan who was taught firearm safety and the responsible use of these tools since the age of 6. I received my own .22 Winchester pump rifle as a Christmas gift in 1964. I, along with the vast majority of your constituents have never been arrested, charged, or convicted for anything, much less a crime involving firearms. The Bill under consideration, while falling short of my personal belief that it had been crafted in a manner more akin to existing statutes in AK, ID, and KS, at least presents a firewall against enabling our Texas LEO's being directed by their jurisdictional political overseers to participate in enforcement of certain Federal Legislation and/or Executive Orders under imminent consideration that would infringe upon the rights of law abiding citizens, rather than focusing on enforcement of existing legislation. In addition, should said Federal edicts be placed upon us, sans any firewall erected by this Bill, our family business would be devastated. We manufacture premium quality gun springs and firearm accessories. Not only are our products used by consumers, they are in use by Local, State, and Federal law Enforcement Agencies. We are a Registered Vendor with the State of Texas with purchased made for the TPWD and many transaction with smaller purchases made with discretionary Funds through the DPS Firearms Facility in Florence.. Should we be denied the opportunity to conduct commerce serving consumers, we could not survive to support our Texas LE Agencies and Local Departments. Not only would the failure of our company to survive result in the loss of income for our employees, it would also affect Sales Tax Revenues. We are a small fish in a large pond that include numerous large Texas Firearms Manufacturers and Distributors who purchase and resell our products, along all of our Texas customers that contribute to our State Sales and Franchise Tax Revenues. The Author and Co-Sponsors of H.R. 2622 obviously realize that you as an elected representative body cannot legislatively comply adherence to the mentally disturbed bad actors or criminals for their actions. While the focus of reducing gun crimes should be placed upon identifying potential threats from the aforementioned actors rather than our law abiding gun owner citizens of Texas, I strongly support your passage of this Bill to the Floor.

James Calk

Self, Nurse

LUFKIN, TX

I support this bill, I think Texas should be a sanctuary state for the 2A . The law abiding citizens of this great state should not have to worry about overreaching anti-gun politicians taking away our right to keep and bear arms . I hope you will pass this bill , and continue to protect the 2A rights of the citizens of Texas .

Thank You

James Calk

Kristina Miller

Self

Johnson City, TX

We need to protect Texans' Second Amendment rights from an out-of-touch federal government that seeks to pass laws that further restrict the possession and ownership of firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition. This is our right! Guns

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don't kill people...people kill people.

Charles Vahrenkamp

Myself, retired

Belton, TX

I support HB 2622. I don't want to be overly dramatic, but this might be the most important piece of legislation that has been introduced in many decades. I believe the future of our State is at risk if we continue to voluntarily give up our God given rights by allowing the federal government to pass and enforce unconstitutional laws.

This may be virtually impossible, but I am going to attempt to briefly take the politics out of some of the words in the 2nd amendment. What if this statement were in the constitution....The right of the people to paint their house shall not be infringed. What if I also stated that painting your house was an "unalienable" right. We use the word inalienable today but it means the same thing..... Impossible to take away or give up. Would it then be ok if the government passed a law that made it illegal for me to use any type of paint, other than latex, because the other types are too dangerous? Suppose the government decided that certain colors of paint were offensive to some people and passed a law that would limit the colors of paint I could use. Or what if the government decided they wouldn't take away our right to paint our house but we could only purchase 1 gallon of paint per month. After all, who really needs more than 1 gallon per month?

What if "we the people" did something totally unexpected? What if we all agreed that "shall not be infringed" is a straightforward easily understood legal term that simply means what it says. No one and/or no government has the authority to restrict our right to paint our house in any way whatsoever. We have the right to paint our house anytime with any color and type of paint we choose.

Even though my paint example may seem a bit silly, I hope it makes you question why we would pervert the meaning of "shall not be infringed" when it comes to the 2nd amendment. It is time we stopped allowing the federal government to pass laws that clearly violate this easily understood statement. Passage of HB 2622 will put the Federal Government on notice that Texas law enforcement agencies and/or Texas governmental bodies will NOT participate in the infringement of Texan's inalienable right to keep and bear arms.

James Goodman

Self

Scroggins, TX

Make Texas a second amendment constitutional carry state ...and sanctuary state...

Kenneth Tamberg

Self/ retired

Alvin, TX

The Great State of Texas should help our law abiding citizens by becoming a 2A sanctuary state. Let's set the example of professional practice and competence for others to follow.

AARON BROOKS

self

RICHMOND, TX

Now more than ever it is important for all of us to stand up and defend our rights - I support HB 2622 as this will help Texas do just that. The Texas Constitution makes clear that our rights are not subject to the whims of the government in A1S29: "To guard against transgressions of the high powers herein delegated, we declare that everything in this "Bill of Rights" is excepted out of

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the general powers of government, and shall forever remain inviolate, and all laws contrary thereto, or to the following provisions, shall be void."

Let's empower the spirit of A1S29 and reject transgressions by the federal government.

Patsy Boatright

Self/homemaker

Maryneal, TX

I Strongly support hb 2622

Delight Hogan

Self

Frisco, TX

I live in Holland's very gerrymandered district. I lost my brother to gun violence in Liberty County, TX in 2007. He was an NRA loving, gun fetishist who had guns all over his house. He was exactly the type of person that would have loved Holland and the rest of the NRA backed legislators, right up until he was shot dead in his yard. He was murdered in his own home with one of his own guns. More guns on our streets among people who should not own firearms is not the answer. I oppose HB2622 and everything that Holland proposes.

Stephen Estes

self

Eustace, TX

i firmly believe this bill is needed to preserve the second amendment rights of Texans and urge our representatives to pass this legislation without the "contract or agreement" clause that is presently included.

Nick Naul

Self

Frisco, TX

The federal government continues to demonstrate its willingness to overstep and ignore the Constitution of the United States. We only have one right that protects all the others and that is enumerated in the Second Amendment. Texas needs to let the bureaucrats and leftist politicians in DC know their power grab doesn't apply here. Please support the Second Amendment Sanctuary status HB 2622 creates. Thank you.

Jade Naaman

Self

Round Rock, TX

This bill is useless. It does not go far enough! If the States withholds funding from local and county authorities, the federal government or a third party may fill in the gap. Instead, enforcing federal law that is not covered by State law should be made a State felony.

Jake Warren

Self

Richardson, TX

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I SUPPORT this bill because it does not spend valuable state resources enforcing federal laws that are not also present in state law particularly with the current presidential administration so openly hostile to the second amendment. I support the provision that cuts state grants from local government entities that violate the law. I am concerned with the "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021." provision in the bill and would like to see that removed since it could lead to loopholes making the bill meaningless.

Catharine Wall

Self; Unemployed/Retired Teacher

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 2622, the Second Amendment Sanctuary State Act. Sanctuary, by definition, provides refuge or safety. The in-your-face spirit of this bill suggests anything but sanctuary.

Michelle Mostert

Self

Dripping Springs, TX

I SUPPORT HB-2622. The federal government should have zero control of anything pertaining to our Second Amendment. Thank you.

David Flores

First Love Christian Church

San Antonio, TX

Honorable House of Representatives,

I am writing to you to express my support for HB 2622. As a proud Texans, I support the right to keep and bear arms, a right protected by our Constitution. More and more we have seen in the last few months, the overreach of the federal government to assure that the State of Texas becomes less secure. The efforts to defund our police, the opening of our borders, and now they are trying to take away one of the most precious God's given rights; self-defense. Please, when you vote on this issue, think about the safety of our places of worship, our daycares, single moms using weapons to protect themselves and their children. Please, use common sense. God bless you.

Daniel Doak

Mr. and Mrs.

Lubbock, TX

The U.S. Constitution is very specific regarding firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition. The second amendment states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." History makes it clear why the founding fathers saw fit to place such a non-negotiable right in the "Bill of Rights". I want you to recall the atrocities that took place in the years prior to the confrontations between the British and American colonists at Lexington and Concord. What would have been the out come had the colonists turned over their guns. Regardless of what gun control advocates argue there is no room in the phrase "shall not be infringed". I would also like to call to your attention the 133,147,000 people slaughtered by their governments after the confiscation of their own means of self-defense. Just to name a few there was Russia, Communist China, Nazi Germany, The Khmer Rouge and on and on. The radical Democratic (Socialist) Party is pursuing the destruction of the second amendment under that guise of "Gun Safety" instead of gun control. They and like-minded individuals have been whittling away at our second amendment rights for decades and the time has come to draw a line in the sand and tell them "no more" at least not in Texas. In the eyes of the nation, no in the world Texas is the epitome of freedom even though there are states that are freer, New Hampshire, for example. I call on and expect the Texas

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Legislature to delete the phrase "“a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021” and pass HB2622 .

Robert Reiler

self

Spicewood, TX

Please keep Texas free. Texas, despite a growing population is a much safer place to live than many other states due to not implementing laws and policies like in Chicago , D.C. and New York where sane folks are fleeing due to "progressive" ideas and authority. Please stop the insanity.

george doby, mr

self

cleburne, TX

with the current regime in power in DC it iss imperative that Texas use the 10th amendment to protect the citizens of Texas from severe overreacch by the Federal beaurocracies. numerous other states , counties and cities have declared themselves to be 2cd amenment sanctuaries and we need to do the same.

Lewis Locke

Self

Baytown, TX, TX

I support Sanctuary State efforts, as the federal efforts are over stepping the states rights. We have quite enough gun control laws. The existing laws need to be enforced, and the real problem of violent crime needs to be addressed rather than more gun control.

Jonathan Findley

Self, software engineer

Pasadena, TX

I support HB2622, but subsection (c) should be removed as it nullifies this bill for existing agreements and contracts, thereby making it substantially less useful than it otherwise would be without that language. Furthermore, the complexity introduced by grandfathering prior agreements is an unnecessary burden on our LE community.

Zoila Vega-Marchena, Dr

self, engineer

Austin, TX

I support this bill

Valerie Adame

Self Sole Proprietor Photographer

Liberty, TX

I support any bill that eliminates or limits infringement of my 2nd amendment rights or limits entities from affecting those rights in a negative manner. I support that his bill declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. I also support that this bill states

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that local government entities that violate this would be cut off from state grant funds.

I am concerned that this bill would not apply to “a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021.” I am concerned this would make the bill meaningless and I would like to remove this clause or make the exception much narrower.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and for all the time you commit to our great state. Blessings, Valerie Adame

Nathan Fleer, Dr.
Self PhD Chemist
Katy, TX

I support HB2622. With increasing discrimination and the aggressive targeting of citizens from the federal government, it is our duty to protect the people of Texas from a seemingly distant and increasingly invasive federal government. In order to keep public confidence in the state, we need to be willing to nullify ALL federal firearm regulation and actively protect citizens from federal enforcement, even if it means arresting federal enforcers. If we do not protect people at the state level, the counties may begin enacting their own rules and the result would be a disordered and non-unified Texas, which nobody wants to happen. Make Texas a second amendment sanctuary state! Thank you.

james britton
self
greenville, TX

I support this bill in every respect.

Matt Klunkert, Mr
Self and retired
College station, TX

I'm a lifelong Texan and my wife and I support this bill to making Texas a sanctuary state to counter the ridiculous gun legislation proposed by the federal government. Thank you.

Marianne Paulsen
self - retired
BELLVILLE, TX

With the Federal government declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is NOW. Even though these bills may be challenged in court, the Texas legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to protect the constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement. The Interstate Commerce Clause of the Constitution– the clause that Congress uses to regulate virtually anything, including guns, on the basis that they affect interstate commerce – has been read too broadly for far too long. It's time to turn the tide and push back on Congress' attempts to regulate everything. In the 1997 case of *Printz v. United States*, the Supreme Court held that the Federal government could not compel states to enforce their laws for them. They could give a carrot or stick but couldn't force states to enforce federal laws. It is the duty of the State of Texas to protect the God-given rights affirmed by the Constitution to its citizens. This includes the 2A, for which too many violations by numerous governments have already occurred. It is time to push back to the original intent of our founders. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. This is the only way to resist a tyrannical government.

Christopher Butler
Independent
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Bedford, TX

I am in favor of not enforcing federal laws that violate the Constitution. Unfortunately, the federal government does not always follow the Constitution and we should not support them in their violations of the Constitution.

I would really like to see us outright prohibit them from doing it in our state.

John Carline

self retired

Helotes, TX

Back to basics.

Texas is a member state of a Republic. This Republic, the United States of America, is governed by a constitution that purposely limited the power of the Federal Government. It places that power in the hands of the States and the people.

This principal is being violated on a almost daily basis with laws, rules, and regulations coming from almost all Federal agencies. Basically what we now have is a Federal Government that has usurped the powers of the States and believes it can implement any rule or law that it so desires and that the States must obey.

This trend can not be allowed to continue. Texas must stand up for it's rights and the rights of it's people.

This bill is a step in the process of restoring those rights.

I strongly support this bill.

Bob Penton

SELF/ENGINEER

Mountain HOME, TX

Please support HB 2622. SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY STATUS FOR TEXAS.

THANK YOU

BOB PENTON

MEMBER TEXAS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Landon Capozzi

Self

Austin, TX

As law abiding gun owner that moved to Texas from California. I am really surprised that Texas needs to pass bills to protect its citizens constitutional rights from over reaching politicians that want to defund the police, allow open borders. While they and their families enjoy tax payer armed protection with firearms they want to ban. I support HB2622 but I feel that Texas needs to take a stronger stand that our citizens right to own any gun shall not be infringed. Having grown up in California and seen how the Democrats have destroyed ones freedoms to own a gun. I am appalled that Republican law makers give Democrats in the State of Texas key chair positions on something so important as the 2nd amendment. In California the Democrats have the super majority and Do Not share power with the minority republican law makers. No they just pass bills without them. So why in my new adoptive state are Texas Republicans sharing power as our Texas House speaker calls it? I ask you this if the tables were turned do you think these Texas Democrats would do the same or would they take their orders from Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. Like we are seeing in Iowa play out of trying to overturn the will of the people? The will of the people in Texas is Republican values. We want our gun rights protected at all cost and that requires HB2622 being signed into law.

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Charles Wannall, Mr
Self, retired
Houston, TX

Please support HB 2622. Below I show a summary of Main points and declare support for each or a modification desired:

I support this:

Declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas.

I support this:

Local government entities that violate this would be cut off from state grant funds.

I would prefer this to be written more narrowly:

This bill would not apply to "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021."

Thank you, and thanks to Gun Owners of America for keeping me abreast of developments related to this.

CRW
Houston

Brendon Gaige
Self - IT Director
MCKINNEY, TX

I wholly support this bill. The original intent of the Constitution is to lay out what the Federal government does NOT have the power to regulate. The 2nd Amendment is a clear example of such. The States sovereignty should come before Federal mandates. For too long has State authority been crushed and ebbd under an ever expanding Federal reach. This must stop. The State must take back its power and authority to self regulate. Please pass this legislation.

Richard Mouser
Self
Dime Box, TX

As a rural Texan, guns are an important, everyday tool I use to deal with threats from snakes, predators, and other such threats.

In addition, our 911 response time is necessarily longer due to fewer law enforcement officers covering a large area.

While the federal government seems ready to take away our gun rights, Texas needs to stand strong to maintain them for Texans.

Thank you.

gerald dietz
GOA
Plano, TX

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Please support the 2nd amendment and keep federal regulations out of our state firearm laws!

William Butcher

self

Bryan, TX

I support HB2622

The federal government is declaring war on gun owners and the Second Amendment. Now is the time for Texas to stand up and protect the rights of the citizenry. These bills may get challenged in court, but this law will send a distinct message about where Texas and the people of Texas stand, against these infringements.

Congress has used the Interstate Commerce Clause to regulate every aspect of Americans' lives. This has been read broadly and used too loosely for far too long and it's past time to push back. Our rights are not open to regulation and Texas needs to stand up to these regulation.

The Supreme Court has opined that the federal government lacks the authority to compel states to enforce any law. We see regularly when states such as California, New York or Illinois enact sanctuary laws to protect illegal immigrants from federal laws that would deport them. The federal government has even been stopped from trying to offer a carrot or stick to these states, but they still can't compel them to stop their sanctuary state policies.

Gregory Clayton

Self

San Marcos, TX

I support this bill. The federal government is doing everything it can to erode away the rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms. It is imperative that the state of Texas protect its citizens from this federal overreach. Make Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary state.

Allison Winter

self

Spring, TX

Allison Winter, 31 Day Lily Place, Spring 77381. I am representing self.

I support HB 2622 because:

1. Keeping the federal government out of Texas's gun laws is prudent. Texans are bright and passionate and can manage themselves with out the federal government.

My husband is an avid hunter whose grandmother taught him to hunt. Hunting is his favorite hobby and he appreciates his liberty, freedom, and responsible gun ownership.

Robert White

Self

Selma, TX

Get afternoon, I'm writing to request that you Support HB2622. This would declare that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. I'm requesting that you Support this Bill so that we can preserve the 2nd Amendment and restrict the Government's ability to infringe

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upon an individual's right to bear arms. As I am sure you are well aware there is a large push to prevent individuals from owning firearms. Please Support this Bill to that taxpayer dollars are not used to enforce federal regulations that restrict the 2nd Amendment Rights of Texans. Thank you.

Dan White

Andrew Perez

Self and self employed

Weslaco, TX

I support this bill. As a Texan the 2nd Amendment is the most important right and we shall not comply to infringements on our God given rights.

Harry Weekley

Self

Alpine, TX

Good bill which I fully support and ask that y'all do the same. Texas should have had this law long ago. Thank you.

Thomas Shannon

Self

Roanoke, TX

Please support and pass H B 2622. This legislation is vital to protecting the rights of Texas citizens, especially if/when our rights are disrespected at the federal level of government.

Ann Moore

Self

Alpine, TX

I very much support this bill as I do not want our local/county/state law enforcement personnel to be made to help enforcement bad Federal laws concerning our Texas gun rights. Please, support this bill.

Karen Reeves

Self

Ben Wheeler, TX

I support this bill. A foreign Federal corporation should not have a right to tell Texas what to do.

David Sims

self - retired

Huntsville, TX

Texas must be established as a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State.
Federal laws that suppress or criminalize our 2nd Amendment Right must not be allowed to be enforceable in Texas

Annette Bennett, Ms
Pct chair Gillespie co
Fredericksburg, TX

I support this bill it is wrong for the state of Texas to enforce fed laws regarding guns that are not already a Texas law. The states are supreme over the fed.

Teri Horne
Self/ OCT:WOMEN
Quitman, TX

My name is Teri Horne, I reside in Wood County , I Support this bill hb2622 in making Texas a 2A Sanctuary State, as the federal government is becoming more overbearing and infringing. As Texans, as Americans, we cannot let the 2A become undermined ,

Isaac Johnston
Self
Groesbeck, TX

I am for HB2622

William Bennett
Self - Director Network Modeling and Analytics
Wylie, TX

I am a Texas resident and 2nd Amendment supporter. I believe the it is critical for citizens to have the ability to defend themselves in all situations. Our 2nd Amendment rights are critical to the protection of our freedom and our personal safety as citizens of the United States.

Our 2nd Amendment rights are being threatened by politicians at the federal level through proposed legislation that would severely restrict or eliminate our rights to engage in sales of our personal property or to own certain tools to protect ourselves. I believe that it is critical that we as Texans stand up in support of our 2nd Amendment rights. This legislation does just that and therefore I support this legislation and I would encourage you to do the same. Thank you.

Terry Frazier
self-employed
Tyler, TX

[Conditional Support for HB 2622] As a registered Texas voter, firearms trainer, gunsmith and FFL holder I support a strong 2A Sanctuary law in the State of Texas.

I support that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas.

I support that local government entities which violate this would be cut off from state grant funds.

I do not support that the bill would not apply to "a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021. Such a clause is not necessary. If Texans do not support a requirement or regulation, so be it. If there must be such a clause it should be narrow and specific and state plainly the the

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regulations Texas will support.

No 2A Sanctuary bill can contain weasel words, simple circumvention language, and easy outs for pandering politicians. The Bill must be plain, it must be clear, and it must be definitive.

Thank you,

Mark Combs

Self

Frisco, TX

I support this bill. Thanks Mark Combs

Gerald Migely

self, retired

Kerrville, TX

I support HB 2622. Law abiding Texans should have the ability to defend themselves with firearms, if necessary, as provided for in the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. Unfortunately there are certain anti-gun interests in charge in Washington, DC, that would like to take the right to bear arms away from these law abiding citizens. Passing this bill would say that Texas supports the Second Amendment of the US Constitution and will not allow the rights of its citizens to be infringed upon. Please support HB 2622.

Murray Miller

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill in that it reiterates the Second Amendment of the US constitution on right for a legally abiding citizens right to own firearms and defend ourselves and our families. Not assist federal agencies except for current need under Texas state requirements

William Hitt, Pastor

Self, Retired Pastor, Retired Navy Commanding Officer

The Woodlands, TX

Please support this bill. We should not be spending Texas dollars to support an anti-2A agenda of the Fed Govt! Let us stay free as Texans, not allowing the Fed to use our own money to step on us!

Melissa Butcher

Self

Bryan, TX

I support HB2622

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Daniel Blahuta, Mr

Self, Retired

Whitesboro, TX

Texas needs to be a 2A sanctuary state to help counter the efforts by the federal government to infringe on our 2A rights

Paul Dippell

Self

Plano, TX

My wife and I strongly support this bill.

Kenneth Cunningham

self

Porter, TX

I support this bill, for decades our federal government and the political left has moved away from our constitution. Texans need protection from that agenda.

Cathy Jaster

self, retired

Georgetown, TX

I strongly support HB 2622. The Second Amendment states that “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed,” and yet that right has been infringed upon throughout our history. The Right to bear arms is the right to defend from a tyrannical government and to protect one's self, family and property. When this right no longer exists, we have no other rights. Texas must stand strong against Federal overreach. Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas.

Violeta Donner, Mrs

Self

Montgomery, TX

I Support this bill. We have no business helping the Federal government and they should not be in ours.

Gary Hopkins, Chairman Pct. 37, Smith County

Pct. 37, Smith county

Tyler, TX

I wanted to express my support for HB 2622, wherein Texas would not supply resources to help enforce federal laws related to firearms, etc, if those laws do not exist in Texas. I further support narrowing down the provision that would allow some support of laws, statutes, orders, and rules, in effect on January 19,2021. This needs to be more specific or simply removed. The government must respect our right to "keep and bear arms" in line with the constitution!!

Thank you,

Gary Hopkins, Pct. 37

Jim Davis

self

Melissa, TX

Please support this bill and defend not only our 2nd amendment rights but all rights of the Texas residents. Thank you

Ronald Myers

Self/transportation mgr

Abilene, TX

Please support HB 2622. The 2nd amendment is guaranteed in the US Constitution. Money or other assets should not be used in an attempt to restrict it at the state or federal level. Remember the 2nd Amendment is there to prevent a tyrannical govt!!

David Wylie, Self

Self

ARGYLE, TX

I am David Wylie, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Texas from Senate District 12, and I live in Argyle Texas. I am representing myself.

I am speaking in support of HB 2622 today.

This bill will help to protect Texans 10th amendment rights. Federal laws passed for issues not expressly given to the federal government must be backed up by the agreement of the governed. This bill calls for Texas to only work to enforce federal laws that match our own. We need this bill to be law to protect our freedoms.

Please approve this bill so that it can be heard by the full House.

Thank you

David Wylie

RPT SREC SD12

POBox 1110

Argyle TX

817 247 2237

J. Robert Arnett II

Self. Attorney.

Dallas, TX

I urge passage of this bill. The leftists in Washington are attempting to disarm law-abiding citizens because they want them to be

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vulnerable to violent criminals and unable to resist a tyrannical government. We cannot rely on the federal courts--particularly the U.S. Supreme Court under Chief Justice John Roberts--to defend the Second Amendment rights of Americans. This bill is a modest step to ensure that state officials do not assist federal agents and agencies in gun confiscation and similar measures. The leftists cannot complain about the concept because they have heaped praise and adulation on states and localities that have been far more obstructive of enforcement of federal immigration law.

David Elliot, Mr.

Self

SAN ANTONIO, TX

I support HB 2622

With the Federal government declaring war on gun owners, it is now time for Texas to stand and protect its citizens' rights. In the 1997 case of *Printz v. United States*, the Supreme Court held that the Federal government could not compel states to enforce their laws for them. They could give a carrot or stick but couldn't force states to enforce federal laws.

This bill declares that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. It also states that local government entities that violate this would be cut off from state grant funds. This is good.

Paragraph 46.01 section (c) that states this law "does not apply to a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on January 19, 2021" should be removed because it could be used to make this bill meaningless.

ronald kirkpatrick

self/310 degrees inc.. and good shop automotive

duncanville, TX

there should be no regulation of firearms, ammunition, firearm accessories, or any other subject related to making, acquiring, owning, carrying, transporting, displaying, advertising, selling, trading, or gifting. freedom is not free, that includes the risks that come from a free society that has the weapons needed to secure their freedom, and protect their lives, the lives of family, friends, neighbors, from threats of life and liberty both foreign and domestic. this includes having what ever weapons needed and desired if needed, to rise up and overthrow a tyrannous and corrupt government. the state of Texas should not pass laws restricting our right to keep and bear arms, but refuse to enforce or allow to be enforced, any federal legislation, by any federal body that infringes on the 2nd amendment.

Julie Lucky

Self business owner

Hickory Creek, TX

Texas should not be subject to any tyranny from the federal government regarding firearms. In the Bill of Rights, citizens have a right to bear arms. Texas needs protection from the federal government in the event of a big government agenda.

Sherry Barnes

Self retired pharmacist

Whitehouse, TX

I SUPPORT this bill. Texas should not help enforce federal laws relating to firearms, ammo, and access if those laws don't exist in Texas. Local governments will have state grant funds cut if they violate this. Our 2A rights shall not be infringed upon.

Patricia Todd

Self retired nurse

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Whitehouse, TX

I support this bill. Texas should not help enforce federal laws and regs relating firearms, ammunition , and access furthermore any local government that violates this should have funding cur.

John Hooper

Self

Rockwall, TX

Texas is known as a beacon of freedom across the world. Please stand up for our natural rights against the tyranny of federal government overreach by passing this second amendment sanctuary bill.

Deborah Avellano, Mrs.

Self

Corinth, TX

Chairman and Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I, Deborah Avellano, of Corinth, TX (SD-12, HD-64) representing myself,, address you in total support of HB 2622 protecting Texans against Federal infringements of the Second Amendment. The current Federal government does not appreciate the 2nd Amendment and does not accept the phrase that our rights “shall not be infringed.”

Even though these bills may be challenged in court, the Texas Legislature, as a co-equal branch of government, must demonstrate its resolve to stand and to protect the Constitutional rights of all Texans from federal infringement. We must push back against Congress’ attempts to regulate and control everything.

I request the committee vote to advance this legislation through the House and Senate and onto the Governor’s desk for signature into law. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Avellano

Allison Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill because the Federal government is declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is NOW. It’s time to make a shot across the bow of the Federal Government and send a Strong message to the federal government that any attempt to come after gun owners will not be tolerated in the Great State of Texas. This bill will declare that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don’t exist in Texas. It will tell our Local government entities that would violate this would they would be cut off from state grant funds. Texas needs stand proud of our Come and Take (if you dare) mantra.

Ferrando Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill because the Federal government is declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is NOW. It’s time to let the federal government know that any attempt to come after gun owners will not be tolerated in Texas. This bill will declare that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don’t exist in Texas. It will tell our Local government entities that would

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violate this would they would be cut off from state grant funds. Texas needs stand proud of our Come and Take (if you dare) mantra.

Jonathan Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill because it will tell the Federal Government to go pound sand when it comes to coming after Gun owners in Texas.

Craig Andress

Self

Houston, TX

I support this bill because the Federal government is declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is NOW. It's time to let them know that they can go pound sand when it comes to coming after Texas Gun owners and send a Strong message to the federal government that will not be tolerated in the Great State of Texas. This bill will declare that Texas personnel and resources cannot help enforce Federal laws or regulations related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories if those laws don't exist in Texas. It will tell our Local government entities that would violate this would they would be cut off from state grant funds. Texas needs stand proud of our Come and Take (if you dare) mantra.

JAN Clark

-- please select a prefix --

Leander, TX

Interested in discussing the racist voting rights revisions proposed by the governor and his cohorts.

Sonny Lelle

Self

Llano, TX

Dear Texas House Members,

The citizens of Texas need your support of HB 2622. Please support this bill on April 1, and beyond. Thank you.