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TSA Finds Over 150 Loaded Guns in DIA Travelers' Carry-on Luggage in 2024

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Congresswoman Aims to Nullify State-Level Gun Bans With New Federal Legislation

"Ask yourself about the kind of life you want: What would you do day to day, and with whom, and where? Consider the life you have. Do one thing today, however small, to close the gap between the two."

Dame Maggie Smith



Trump's AG Nominee Bondi Expresses Willingness to Work With Dems on Gun Control



Hearing Protection Act Reintroduced!

ATF Says ALL Braced Pistols Are SBRs, In Violation Of The Law

Update: Make That 25 Million New First-Time Gun Owners Since 2021



NSSF Releases Most Recent Firearm Production Figures

Most Recent Firearm Production FiguresNSSF released the most recent "Firearm Production in the United States including the Firearm Import and Export Data 2024 Edition" (reporting 2022 data) to its members. The report compiles the most up-to-date information based on data sourced from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF's) Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Export Reports (AFMER). Key findings for public release revealed the estimated total number of firearms in civilian possession from 1990-2022 is 491.3 million. The report also indicated that 30,711,000 Modern Sporting Rifles (MSRs) are in circulation since 1990.



Video: The Fight Heats Up to Destroy ATF's Illegal Gun Owner

DEEP DIVE: Assault Weapons: Federal & State Regulations in Light of Bruen

"My Gun, My Choice" ~ 'Second Amendment Guarantee Act'



Percentage of Americans Owning Guns in 2024



President Trump should help destroy the ATF



New Day On The Horizon: Say "Buh-Bye" To Biden's Bad Policies

The Guns Of 007: A License To Thrill



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Is The Great Murder Decline Slowing Down?: It Probably Will, but It's Not Clear That It Is Yet



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NRA Takes a Shot at Everytown's State Rankings



Biden's Gun Violence Office Disappears From White House Website

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2025



Sale, Manufacture of Semi-automatic Guns That Accept Detachable Magazines Would be Banned in Colorado Under Bill - Also Outlaws Rapid-fire Trigger Activators and Bump Stocks



Colorado Lawmakers Go Full Gun Grab with Semiauto Ban Bill

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Colorado Governor Says He's Open to Massive Semi-Auto Ban

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado
01-18-2025 Legislative Alert- Committee Work Begins

(Please mark your calendar.)

SB25-034, Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Waiver, Sen. Kipp, Rep. Bosenecker. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. It allows a gun owner to “Red Flag” him or herself, becoming ineligible to legally purchase (or possess) a firearm, presumably because the individual is afraid of harming self or others. Provides a lever for aggressive law enforcement personnel to push for “voluntary” disarmament. Also, may open the door for permanent prohibited person status on mental health grounds. Bill is up on adjournment in Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on Thursday, 02-06-2025 in Senate Committee Room 352 on the Third Floor of the Capitol.

Please contact your State Senator and Representative in response to the measure. If you come down to the Capitol, no guns, or sharp objects of any kind. No signs inside the building. No clothing with political slogans. No food, hats, or beverages, other than bottled water, in the hearing room. No camo or hunter orange. Sport coat and tie OK. You will have to go through a metal detector and may be asked to remove your belt and pass the buckle through the machine. Come early and plan to stay late. Come into the Capitol through the south ground floor entrance. Double check the schedule. Hearing details can change. Plan to leave the Capitol in groups. You will be unarmed in a bad neighborhood.

You can sign up in advance to testify at any upcoming hearing at the following link.

<https://www2.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2023A/commsumm.nsf/signIn.xsp>

This link will work for in-person testimony, remote testimony, or for the submission of written testimony. Your remote testimony can be either video, or audio only. After you sign up, you should receive an e-mail with additional instructions. A link and a phone number are available, if you have problems accessing the above testimony link. You can sign up on the link once the bill is placed on the committee schedule. It is probably a good idea to sign up early.

To watch and/or listen to a hearing at your home, office, or shop, you can access the audio link here, when the hearing begins: Watch & Listen | Colorado General Assembly

Follow the Colorado Legislative Session at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/> Bookmark the Site. To reach your Senator, call: 303-866-2316. To reach your Representative, call: 303-866-2904. You can locate your elected officials on the State Web Site at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>.

Information on Bills can be found here:

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Committee Schedules are here:

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Be courteous and concise in your comments to all elected officials. Where appropriate, state facts and the personal impact of legislation on you and your family. It is important to let elected officials know your opinion, even if they oppose your views. They need to know there is significant, principled opposition to their intended course of action, or they will assume that no one cares and will pursue even more outrageous proposals.

While public testimony at hearings is important, elections are the most important factors in determining if we are to keep our birthright of freedom recognized by the Second Amendment. Elections determine who runs the legislative process at the state and federal levels, and who

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controls the boards, councils and commissions for local districts, cities, and counties. Please do as much as you can to assist in the effort to elect pro- Second Amendment candidates in 2025 and 2026.

Follow us at: <https://groups.io/g/gunissues>. (May need to copy and paste.) (You must sign on to join this group.)

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado is an NRA Grassroots Affiliate. Our all-volunteer organization depends on memberships and the generosity of Second Amendment Supporters. Please join or contribute to The Firearms Coalition of Colorado. Individual memberships are still \$25 per year. Send check or money order to:

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado, PO Box 1454, Englewood, CO 80150-1454

Our Democratic legislators wasted no time introducing another gun ban; SB25-0003 was introduced on Wednesday (day one of the current session). These nitwits are positioning this new law as an extension of the large-capacity magazine ban. They don't know much about guns and gun safety. I've heard this is boilerplate from Bloomberg.

See <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb25-003> for the full text. Tom Sullivan and Meg Froelich are the main Senate sponsors. A bunch of representatives have also signed on as sponsors in the House.

Criminals, by definition, don't concern themselves with laws. If you are intent on violating murder laws that go back to the Bible, a piddly-ass law from our legislators means nothing. You are the real target of this bill.

Calling or emailing legislators is effective. If they think their constituents are against a bill, they may moderate it (or even kill it) in committee. You can testify online and in person as this winds through the legislative process.

I've included the 2025 legislative directory, which includes names, districts, party affiliations, emails, phones, etc. Writing or calling any legislator is exactly what democracy is all about. Don't limit yourself to your representative or senator. Write or call as often as you can to as many as possible. Frequently, Legislative staffers provide an aggregate number of those for and against a bill without providing email details. Don't be shy about "stuffing the ballot box".

Polis historically has not supported large-scale gun bans, which don't play well on the national stage. He is term-limited and looking for his next gig. But I would not count on him stopping this bill with a veto.

Heel is a glimmer of hope from the Supreme Court. Four gun cases are in conversation at the Court, two of which directly impact this legislation. I've included a brief description of each.

**Don Sheehan
City Council District 4
Centennial, Colorado**

The US Supreme Court is considering two cases that could negate this bill in time. They have not yet decided to hear the cases. That could happen this coming Friday (01/17).

The main arguments in *Snope v. Brown* challenge Maryland's ban on certain semi-automatic firearms, categorized as "assault weapons," as unconstitutional under the Second Amendment. Key points include:

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Second Amendment Scope: Plaintiffs argue the banned firearms are commonly owned for lawful purposes, such as self-defense, and thus protected by the Second Amendment

1 https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/24/24-203/326601/20240923124845911_Snope%20v.%20Brown%20amicus%20brief.pdf

2 <https://crpa.org/news/blogs/crpa-allies-file-amicus-in-snope-v-brown-formerly-bianchi/>

3 <https://www.saf.org/snope-v-brown/>

Misuse of Legal Standards: Critics assert lower courts improperly applied a "two-step" test rejected in Bruen, undermining constitutional protections

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Historical Context: The plaintiffs claim Maryland's law lacks historical precedent for restricting firearms based solely on features like pistol grips or flash suppressors

The Ocean State Tactical v. Rhode Island case is significant as it addresses the constitutionality of Rhode Island's ban on large-capacity magazines (LCMs) holding more than ten rounds. Key arguments include:

- **Second Amendment:** Plaintiffs argue the ban violates the right to keep and bear arms, as LCMs are commonly owned for lawful purposes like self-defense.
- **Historical Analysis:** Critics claim the First Circuit misapplied historical tradition by upholding the ban despite no direct historical precedent for such restrictions.
- **Takings Clause:** Plaintiffs contend the law unlawfully forces owners to surrender or modify their property without compensation

This well-written text is from Dan Gehrke on X. It can be used as an email, a script for a call, or testimony in a committee meeting.

Dear (legislator),

I commend your commitment to enhancing public safety, but I strongly urge you to reconsider SB25-003. The bill carries significant legal, economic, and social risks that could ultimately harm Colorado.

1. Legal Concerns

Constitutional Challenges: The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* established that firearm laws must align with historical traditions. SB25-003's broad restrictions risk being struck down as unconstitutional, burdening taxpayers with millions in legal fees.

Precedents: States like California and Illinois have faced repeated legal defeats for similar measures. Colorado's past efforts to enact such laws, like the 2023 and 2024 assault weapons bans, have failed, wasting taxpayer money on doomed initiatives.

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2. Economic Consequences

Local Economies: Colorado's firearms industry supports jobs and contributes significantly to tax revenues. SB25-003 could lead to job losses, reduced tax income, and harm to small businesses, particularly gun shops and manufacturers.

Tourism Impact: Restrictive gun laws deter shooting sports enthusiasts and events, reducing tourism revenue.

Fiscal Irresponsibility: With Colorado facing budget constraints, this bill imposes additional financial strain, from enforcement costs to inevitable legal battles.

3. Enforcement Challenges

Strained Resources: Enforcing sweeping restrictions requires significant funding for training, compliance, and enforcement, diverting resources from other critical safety initiatives.

Growth of Illegal Markets: History shows that strict bans often drive demand to black markets, which operate without safety regulations and oversight.

4. Political and Social Costs

Voter Accountability: Failed gun control measures have led to significant voter backlash. The 2013 recall elections of two state senators demonstrate that voters will hold legislators accountable for overreaching gun legislation.

Community Division: Repeated introduction of legally dubious laws exacerbates polarization and undermines trust in legislators' commitment to constitutional principles.

5. Constructive Alternatives

Rather than divisive and likely unconstitutional bans, I urge you to focus on proven measures:

Mental Health Investments: Expanding mental health resources and community violence intervention programs.

Targeted Policies: Measures like safe storage education or enhanced background checks that balance public safety with constitutional rights.

SB25-003 poses severe risks without guaranteeing meaningful safety improvements. Guns are inanimate objects; it is people who commit violence. Misguided legislation targeting tools rather than addressing root causes wastes resources and damages communities. I implore you to pursue thoughtful, effective solutions that respect Colorado's legal, economic, and social realities.

Thank you for considering this perspective. I hope we can find common ground to advance public safety while upholding constitutional rights and fiscal responsibility.





Governor Polis has revealed his position on the semi-automatic firearm ban

It is impressively noncommittal. We expect nothing less from a politician with national ambitions.

When asked about the proposed ban, Governor Polis said:

“I want to make sure it doesn’t interfere with legal, law-abiding gun owners in our state for hunting, for home defense or sport. We’ll certainly bring those values to the table as the discussions continue. I’m not entirely sure why the legislature wants to play around with different gun models. Certainly, always a red line for me has been don’t affect things that people already have. This proposal obviously clears that.” - Governor Polis

Does he want the bill amended? Will he sign it? Will he let it become law without his signature? Will he veto it? Will he push on Senate and House leaders to kill this bill, so he does not have to deal with it?

His response is a stark change from his opposition of past gun bans. We need to double down on rallying our state against this bill.

CSSA will continue to monitor Polis’ position, but our pressure is already having an impact as we have focused on how this bill will ban guns used in hunting, home defense, and sport shooting, the same issues he brought up in his quote. We have also pointed out that banning guns based on their type of recoil system does not make a lot of sense - yet another issue he touched on. Governor Polis appears to be pondering the exact arguments that the CSSA has been highlighting.

We need to keep up the pressure and continue to sound the alarm bells on this bill.

Thanks to our members and donors, CSSA has already contacted over 100,000 pro-gun Coloradans to help push back against this bill.

This is only the beginning; we need to continue to build momentum against these anti-gun forces. We have said from the beginning that the governor’s desk is one of this bill’s battlefields. We need your help to contact more pro-gun Coloradans so that everyone is mobilized to take a stand. With your support, this will mark the third year in a row that we have prevented the passage of a gun ban.

Donation Fund Glossary

General Fund: Goes wherever CSSA needs it most

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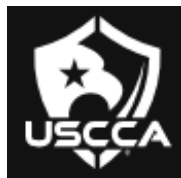
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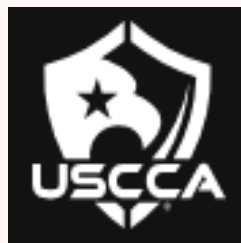


Weekend Knowledge Dump

Check [this link](#) for the ongoing collection of
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topic you can think of related to guns and
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