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We are 7 days away from a new administration taking over in Washington D.C. It is only 13 days into 2025 and already there have been 2 terror attacks; **one in New Orleans** and **one in Vegas**, **Biden has pardoned more criminals and is talking about preemptive pardons**, **the Prime Minister of Canada resigned**, the **ATF** director has resigned and the

**FBI** director is resigning, **Biden gave the medal of freedom to George Soros**, **Mark Zuckerberg appears to be embracing free speech**, Los Angeles is burning down and citizens are on their own; the government can't help them and may have indirectly facilitated much of the destruction, and incoming President Trump was sentenced for his "hush money" conviction.

Life ignores holidays and calendars. It just keeps on truckin'.

Ironically, our incoming commander and chief is a convicted felon. Federal gun laws state that he is prohibited from owning, possessing, or handling a firearm. **Tom Knighton wrote an interesting article today that discusses this further. He said:**

**"Trump is such a threat to the public that he got literally no sentence. He'll still be able to serve as commander-in-chief of the most powerful military in the world. But because he gave money to a porn star so that she'd stay quiet--and he really deserves a refund--he can't own a firearm."**



This seems unjust, but it goes much further than Trump 47.

If people are allowed to walk among other people, coexist in society, walk freely amongst us, why should they be barred from having the legal means to protect themselves and those that they love? **This has been discussed in previous editions of the FOAC-Institute newsletter.**

Many will say, Including Mr. Knighton in his article, that they “understand” prohibiting habitually violent felons from obtaining firearms. My question is....

If people are that bad.... Why are they walking amongst us????

**Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution states,**

**§ 21. Right to bear arms.**

The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

The right of the citizens..... shall not be questioned. You don't lose your citizenship if you are charged or convicted of a crime or if you serve time.

Well, back to #47.

**The inauguration schedule has been published.** The first 100 days of #47 should prove to be historic and unprecedented. How will the new administration affect public safety, crime, and gun control? No doubt there will be a bevy of activity in the courts. We shall wait and see.

## **R.I.P. Mike McCormick**



Years ago, before Josh Prince was FOAC-Institute's primary rock star lawyer, FOAC and Allegheny County Sportsmen's League and other organizations were largely represented by J. Michael McCormick.

Mike was responsible for multiple FOAC and ACSL wins in Pittsburgh in the 1990's including when the City Council violated PA State preemption and tried to

enact an illegal “assault weapon ban” and were stopped in their tracks.

Mike has consulted countless members for a variety of practical, civil, and criminal issues, and was always one of the people FOAC founder Kim Stolfer would recommend (without hesitation) when they wanted to connect with a **REAL** pro-2A attorney.

Mike was very respected by other attorneys and was a mentor to many of Pennsylvania's most prolific lawyers.

**Mike will be missed.**

Mike's visitation and Funeral will be on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Burket-Truby Funeral Home 421 Allegheny Ave. Oakmont, PA 15139. His viewing runs from

11am to 230pm with his funeral service at 230pm.

[Click here to read his full obituary.](#)

## A Big Win For 18–20-Year-Old Pennsylvanians

FOAC-Institute has been monitoring this legal action closely and are happy to report that TODAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Foundation (with the help of Josh Prince) earned a big win for the citizens of Pennsylvania establishing court precedent that could have ongoing effect on other cases across the country. We applaud the effort of 2AF, FPC, Pennsylvanians Josh Prince and Adam Kraut, and all the patriots on their legal teams. Great job folks!



Here is what was written in their press release of today:

### **SAF WINS CHALLENGE TO PENNSYLVANIA CARRY BAN FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

BELLEVUE, WA – Jan. 13, 2025 – The Second Amendment Foundation has won **a victory** for young adults in Pennsylvania, where a panel of the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 to remand the case back to the District Court with instructions to enter an injunction forbidding the state police from arresting law-abiding 18-20-year-olds for openly carrying firearms during a declared state of emergency.

The case is known as **Madison Lara v. Commissioner Pennsylvania State Police**.

Joining SAF in the case are the Firearms Policy Coalition and three private citizens, including Lara, for whom the case is named. They are represented by attorneys Peter Paterson, Haley N. Proctor, David H. Thompson and John D. Ohlendorf at Cooper & Kirk in Washington, D.C. and Joshua Prince at Civil Rights Defense Firm in Bechtelsville, Pa.

It is the second time the Third Circuit has ruled in SAF's favor on this case. After the initial ruling, the state appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court which, in turn, remanded the case back to the Third Circuit to reconsider in light of the high court's recent ruling in *Rahimi*. The Third Circuit determined that *Rahimi* changed nothing about their analysis and once again ruled for the plaintiffs. The circuit court then ordered the District Court to enter an injunction in SAF's favor.

Writing for the majority, Circuit Judge Kent A. Jordan, a George W. Bush appointee, noted, "It is undisputed that 18-to-20-year-olds are among 'the people' for other constitutional rights such as the right to vote, freedom of speech, the freedom to peaceably assemble and to petition the and the right against unreasonable searches and seizures. We therefore reiterate our holding that 18-to-20-year-olds are, like other subsets of the American public, presumptively among 'the people' to whom Second Amendment rights extend."

Judge Jordan was joined by Judge D. Brooks Smith, another Bush appointee. Judge L. Felipe Restrepo, a Barack Obama appointee, dissented.

“SAF has maintained all along that 18–20-year-olds are unquestionably part of ‘the people’ contemplated by the Second Amendment who have the same rights to keep and bear that any other adult has,” said SAF Director of Legal Operations Bill Sack. “The Third Circuit already agreed with us once, and today it reaffirmed its decision, finding that the Rahimi decision from the Supreme Court changes precisely nothing.”

“There is no language in the Second Amendment that applies only to some age-exclusive subset of the people,” SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb observed. “We’re delighted the Third Circuit once again has ruled in our favor, and we will continue defending that position.”



## 2025 Great American Outdoor Show Booth: CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Folks, we are manning a FOAC-Institute booth at the 2025 **Great American Outdoor Show** in Harrisburg, PA from February 1-9, 2025. This is a LONG show, and we need to schedule multiple volunteers for each day to man the booth and share with attendees what FOAC-Institute is all about!

We need volunteers to pass out literature, sign up individual and business memberships, sell gun bash tickets, and spread the gospel of Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution.

**If you are available to help on any of the days, email by [CLICKING HERE](#) and let us know WHAT specific dates you can COMMIT to manning the booth and include your email, cell phone information.**



[Click here to learn about National Train A Teacher Day](#)

## Articles To Check Out!

[Urge Congress to Protect Your Right to Carry – Contact Your Member of Congress Today!](#)

[NSSF Offers Support for National Reciprocity Bill](#)

[Joe Biden's ATF Director Tenders Resignation Ahead of Donald Trump's Inauguration](#)

[Pennsylvania Waiting Period Bill to Be Reintroduced](#)

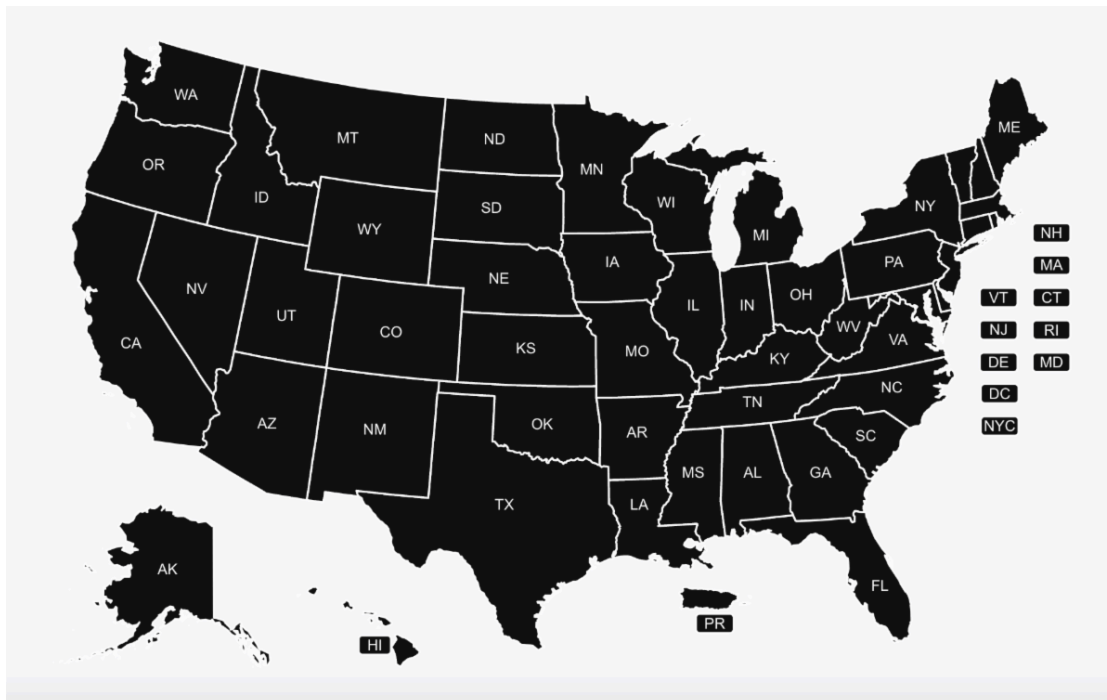
[Is It FINALLY Happening? National Concealed-Carry Reciprocity Act Introduced](#)

[Where the Line Is Drawn on Guns and Marijuana Useage](#)

[2024 and Beyond: What the New Administration Means for Hunters, Gun Owners, and Conservationists](#)

[FBI Blatantly Lied About New Orleans Attack](#)

[National Constitutional Carry: The Second Amendment as Written](#)



## In Closing

There is a lot of hullabaloo about concealed carry reciprocity. Is NOW the best time to go for concealed carry reciprocity?

I believe the tea leaves and logic dictates that YES now is the time. But will it pass?

First, the republicans in both the U.S. House and Senate control the calendar. RIGHT NOW, the republicans seem to be the “most-pro-gun-ist” party. So... it might make it. At least, it will likely be brought to a floor vote. **Trump #47 is more likely to sign concealed carry reciprocity than any President that we have had in my lifetime.**

**Rep Hudson introduced HR38 (Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act) on January 9<sup>th</sup>.** Senator Cornyn introduced a sister bill of the same name in the Senate.

### **According to the Cornyn website this bill:**

- Allows individuals with concealed carry privileges in their home state to exercise those rights in any other state with concealed carry laws;
- Treats state-issued concealed carry permits like drivers' licenses where an individual can use their home-state license to drive in another state, but must abide by that other state's speed limit or road laws;
- And protects state sovereignty by not establishing a national standard for concealed carry.

NOT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL STANDARD IS VERY IMORTANT FOR MANY REASONS!

Here is the score:

50 States are “Shall Issue” (Thank you Bruen)

49 States allow for non-resident carry  
29 States are Constitutional or Permitless Carry

We also have that 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment thing too.... No where in the 2A does it say anything about state lines. There is your **REAL NATIONAL STANDARD!**

**YES**, now is the time!

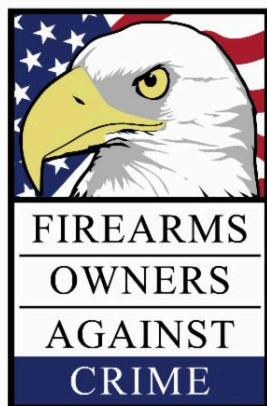
With that said, IF it were to pass the House and Senate and be signed by Trump #47, the lawsuits will certainly follow. However, considering the current make-up of the Supreme Court and the likely “next 4 years” shape of it; unless a major procedural faux pas occurs during the passing of said legislation, those challenges will **LIKELY** be met with defeat... **LIKELY**... meaning strengthening the individual citizen’s right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves and those that they love **NO MATTER** what side of a state line they find themselves.

NOW is the time.

FOAC-Institute is a Pennsylvania organization, and we keep our focus and lobbying efforts at the state level. With that said, we will monitor this situation closely and keep you posted. Because NOW is the time for it.

Stay Armed and BE Well Regulated!

Klint Macro  
FOAC-Institute VP



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FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight for the hearts and minds of our fellow Pennsylvanians to promote individual liberties and freedoms. We are steadfast and resolute and dedicated to protecting our Constitution and advancing the cause of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution.

FOAC-Institute’s educational efforts are expanding across the Commonwealth. FOAC-ILLEA volunteers are teaching more concealed carry classes each month and additional virtual education events are forthcoming.

FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight in the courts. Whether this means new litigation to challenge local tyrants, fight the bureaucrats that make it harder for Pennsylvanians to exercise their most basic rights, or the funding of amicus briefs to support others who are already involved in court battles, we are actively helping to establish case law that will help advance the cause of liberty.

FOAC-Institute volunteers research proposed legislation, consult with experts, and offer advice to elected officials about legislation as well as educate the public on the strength or folly of legislation that could have lasting positive or negative effects upon our liberty and the liberty of our children.

I urge you to help me spread the word about FOAC-Institute. Share this newsletter and the website with your sphere of influence. Get a fellow gun owner to join FOAC-Institute.

**[Sign up for membership HERE.](#)**  
**[Contact your Legislators HERE.](#)**  
**[Read previous newsletters HERE.](#)**

The **[FOAC-Institute website](#)** is a wealth of information. Track current legislation, contact legislators and elected officials, look up gun laws, read easy to understand synopsis' on stand your ground, castle doctrine, and legal use of force. Keep up to date with current gun related news. There is all this and more on the **[FOAC-Institute website](#)**.

Get involved!

If you have read this entire newsletter and made it here to this statement... you are already interested and vested.

**[Donate your time, your talents, or your treasure.](#)** VOTE pro-2A and get your friends to vote pro-2A as well. **[Become a member](#)** and get your friends to become a member. If you are already a member, consider "**[upping your membership](#)**" to a higher level. **[Volunteer](#)** to help at the bash. **[Volunteer](#)** to join a committee to send emails, write letters, make phone calls... NOW IS THE TIME TO DO. DON'T PUT IT OFF. "We the People" have been sitting on the sidelines too long.

An Armed and Educated Citizenry is the true check and balance in our Constitutional Republic and the ultimate homeland security!

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