

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICAN TURNCOAT TRIES TO RESTRICT GUN

On May 28, Breitbart News reported that Pennsylvania Rep. Jamie Santora (R-163) “wants to ban the private sales that Americans have enjoyed since the Second Amendment was ratified in 1791. His vehicle for doing this is an expansion of background checks wherein private gun sales are equated with retail gun sales, thereby forcing a law-abiding co-worker to seek out an agent of the state, fill out paperwork, and get permission—i.e., submit to a background check—before buying a gun from a co-worker.”

House Bill 1400 amends existing statute to require all gun transfers, except those between family members, include a background check. Currently, state law exempts firearms with barrels longer than 15 inches from the mandate. The onerous bill would also mandate that a law-abiding friend seek out an agent of the state, fill out paperwork, and get permission before buying a gun from a law-abiding, lifelong friend. Fellow hunters would have to do the same: seek out an agent of the state, fill out paperwork, and get permission before a gun could be sold hunter to hunter.

This would apply to gun show sales as well. Santora also voiced his support for making sure every gun show sale is covered by a background check, according to the Breitbart report, which notes that, “This is a war on private gun sales and, by extension, on the Second Amendment, for when the Founding Fathers wrote the Second Amendment, they did not write, “The right of the



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people to keep and bear arms [after passing a background check] shall not be infringed.”

Armed American Radio’s Mark Walters pointed out that law-abiding gun owners are alarmed by Santora’s gun control push because of words/phrases like “common sense” and “expand a background check for everyone who buys a handgun.” He noted that law-abiding gun owners are concerned, specifically, because “that terminology is used every day by people who do want to take our guns.”

Background checks look backward, not forward. They discover a criminal past but will not—and cannot—predict a criminal future. So a latent criminal, someone with criminal or terroristic intent but no criminal or terroristic past, can pass a background check with no problem, then carry out mass carnage with a gun acquired via state permission.

Consider the following attackers and alleged attackers, each of whom passed a background checks for his or her gun(s):

- the NY bombing suspect (Sept 19, 2016)
- the Orlando attacker (June 12)
- the UCLA gunman (June 1)
- the San Bernardino attackers (Dec 2, 2015)
- the Colorado Springs attacker (Oct 31, 2015)
- the Umpqua Community College attacker (Oct 1, 2015)
- Alison Parker's attacker (August 26, 2015)
- the Lafayette theater attacker (July 23, 2015)
- the Chattanooga attacker (July 16, 2015)
- the alleged Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal attacker (Jun 17, 2015)
- the Muhammad Carton Contest attackers (May 3, 2014)
- the Las Vegas cop killers (June 9, 2015)
- the Santa Barbara attacker (May 23, 2014)
- the Fort Hood attacker (April 2, 2014)
- the Arapahoe High School attacker (Dec 13, 2013)
- the D.C. Navy Yard attacker (Sept 16, 2013)
- the Aurora movie theater attacker (July 20, 2012)
- Gabby Giffords' attacker (Jan 8, 2011)
- the Fort Hood attacker (Nov 5, 2009)
- the Virginia Tech attacker (April 16, 2007)

The list contains just some of the individuals who could still have acquired guns and gone on an attack, even if Santora's bill were law. When one considers the numbers of people killed by these individuals, ninety killed and more than 173 wounded in 14 of the attacks alone, it is not unreasonable to conclude that background checks actually cost Americans their lives. And while background checks do not stop determined attackers, they do create a more

cumbersome and costly process for law-abiding citizens to acquire the guns they need for self-defense, hunting, and target shooting. Moreover, they are insidious in that they lead to more gun control. For example, in February, New Mexico sheriffs fought and stopped passage of a gun control bill in their state which was nearly identical to Santora's. They defeated it by explaining that universal background checks lead to a gun registry because such checks are unenforceable without a registry. How will constituents in Pennsylvania's 163 District feel about a gun registry?

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/05/30/pennsylvania-republican-doubles-down-defends-bill-outlaw-private-gun-sales/>

<http://www.guns.com/2017/05/30/expanded-background-check-bill-introduced-in-pa-house/>

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS

Even as extremists like Pennsylvania Rep. Jamie Santora try to limit our rights, several other measures in Pennsylvania are nearing final consideration, according to an article in phillytrib.com. One is House Bill 763, which would end the state's background check system and, instead use a national background check system for individuals who want to purchase a gun. Also under consideration is House Bill 671, legislation that would make it easier to legally challenge local gun regulations that are considered stricter than state law, and House Bill 170, which would eliminate the need for a permit to carry a concealed firearm.

Senate Bill 383, though, really has left-wing libs riled up, according to the report. Titled "School

Safety Options,” SB 383 would allow teachers in schools around the state to carry weapons in schools.

“I believe we need to consider providing school employees with more choices than just locking a door, hiding in a closet or diving in front of bullets to protect students,” Donald White, R-Ind., the measure’s co-sponsor said in a statement. “With the legal authority, licensing and proper training, I believe allowing school administrators, teachers or other staff to carry firearms on the school premises is an option worth exploring,” he said.

The bill already has passed the Senate Education Committee and is now being considered by the full Senate. Of course, traitors like Shira Goodman, the executive director of “CeaseFirePA,” oppose these common-sense measures. Goodman whines that, ““Usually, what stops a bad guy is the police,” but of course did not address an important issue: What happens if a cop’s not around when you’re being attacked?

But Republican House Speaker Mike Turzai of Allegheny County, who recently attended a rally in Harrisburg last week promoting gun legislation and the right of citizens to carry weapons, told supporters that the GOP has been able to fight off attempts to strip gun rights.

“Think about all the stuff we have held off in terms of taking away your rights,” Turzai said, according to the [phillytrib.com](http://www.phillytrib.com) article.

http://www.phillytrib.com/lawmakers-ponder-gun-laws---including-arming-educators/article_7b44e38d-48d6-5296-ba93-2f401f3ca558.html

TERRORIST LIBS STORM PENNSYLVANIA CAPITOL DURING PRO- GUN HEARING

Left-wing lib protesters crashed a recent presentation being delivered by pro-gun researcher and economist Dr. John Lott at the Pennsylvania Capitol building, riling state legislators and setting the stage for a heated debate about concealed carry, according to www.guns.com report.

Violent left-wing demonstrators interrupted testimony from esteemed scholar and researcher Dr. John Lott during a May 22 hearing to shout down the House State Government Committee. The snowflakes were protesting the Committee’s “failure to act” on an unrelated piece of legislation banning gifts between lawmakers.

About half a dozen people filed into the back of the room chanting “pass the gift ban, do your job” before police arrested them in the hallway outside, preventing some committee members from entering the hearing, including Republican Rep. Francis Ryan.

“I am absolutely offended at that theatric show that was put out in the hallway when people prevented me from getting to my appointed place and duty at the appropriate point in time, when I was supposed to be here by noon for a presentation called by our chair,” he said, according to the article. “That was done for entirely theatric purposes.”

Ryan, who served four decades in the Marines before retiring in 2011, rebuked the protesters’ “act of civil disobedience” from infringing on his freedoms before praising Lott for his work.

“Well, I spent 41 years of my life defending other people’s freedom and I’ll be damned if anybody’s going to take mine,” Ryan said. “Your comments, your book, thank God for what you’ve done. I agree with you 1,000 percent.”

Lott founded the Crime Prevention Research Center and his research has shown that more firearms in the hands of law-abiding citizens leads to lower crime rates.

Lott cited a request from several airline pilot unions in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks who wanted him to advocate for allowing pilots to carry guns on commercial flights.

In his research, Lott discovered commercial airlines mandated pilots carry guns from 1924 until 1963. The practice was optional until 1979, he said.

“You literally have hundreds of millions of flights you could look at there and not one example of a problem that occurred,” he said. “Yet when you go around talking to senators ... they get into discussions about what happens if two pilots get into a fight and shoot each other or some situation like that.”

“Is it possible something like that could happen? Sure it’s possible,” he added. “But the question is we have hundreds of millions of flights we can look at it. Is there one case where there’s even something remotely similar? You have to look at the facts of cases in order to get an idea of how much weight we should put on these types of things rather than saying something might possibly happen.”

The hour-long hearing came after Lott headlined the Make the Second Amendment Great Again rally in the Capitol building’s rotunda. During his nine-minute speech, Lott

praised law enforcement, challenged gun-free zones and complained about the failures of the Pennsylvania Instant Criminal Check System.

“We know if we let police do traditional policing, lives could be saved, crimes could be deterred by having ... police spending their time and effort using resources to have them do what we know works,” he said.

<http://www.guns.com/2017/05/25/gun-free-zones-informational-hearing-in-pennsylvania-interrupted-by-protesters/>

PATRIOTIC POLITICIANS SPONSOR GUN RIGHTS SEMINAR

Sen. Wayne Langerholc, Jr. (R-35) and Rep. Bryan Barbin (D-Johnstown) are inviting area residents to register for a free informational session on how to apply for and comply with a concealed carry permit and exercise responsible gun ownership.

The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 8 at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, 445 Schoolhouse Road in Johnstown.

Experts will discuss Pennsylvania laws pertaining to guns and the Second Amendment, and answer questions from residents, such as the following: When is the use of deadly force justified, and when does a citizen have a duty to retreat? Which neighboring states recognize Pennsylvania gun permits? Where are gun owners prohibited from carrying a weapon? And what are the Commonwealth’s “open carry” laws?

“These forums are an effective way to educate gun owners about the laws and responsibilities related to owning a firearm,” Sen. Langerholc

said. "Rep. Barbin and I expect this event to provoke another thoughtful discussion about our Second Amendment rights, the process to acquire and abide by a concealed carry permit, and individual cases and concerns."

"I invite everyone from our area to take advantage of this opportunity. The more we educate the public to the laws of gun safety, our area will be a safer place to live," Rep. Barbin said.

Seating is limited, and registration is required. Community residents can register online by visiting Sen. Langerholc's website at www.senatorlangerholc.com or call Senator Langerholc's District Office at 814-266-2277.

<http://www.senatorlangerholc.com/2017/05/17/langerholc-barbin-offer-seminar-june-8-safe-responsible-gun-ownership/>

MEMORIZE THESE SAFETY RULES

1. Always treat all guns as though they are loaded
2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The natural liberty of man is to be free from any superior power on Earth, and not to be under the will or legislative authority of man, but only to have the law of nature for his rule."
- Samuel Adams

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions." – Ronald Reagan

"You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun-control; disarm the thugs and the criminals. Lock them up and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time . . . it's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience." -- Ronald Reagan

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US Constitution 2nd Amendment

"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."

PA Constitution Article 1 Section 21

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