

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0018

Refusal to accept restrictions on firearms.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Blake,
Brechtel, Brown, Davison, Illoway, Jaggi,
McOmie, Millin, Quarberg, Semlek,
Shepperson, Stubson and Teeters and
Senator(s) Burns and Case

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to cease and desist
2 in passing legislation impeding the rights of Americans to
3 keep and bear arms.

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5 WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States
6 Constitution does not simply provide for a collective right
7 or a right for the states to establish militias, rather, it
8 provides for an individual right to keep and bear arms; and

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10 WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the right to keep and bear
11 arms is to protect one's self, family and possessions from
12 either the private lawlessness of other persons or the
13 tyranny of government; and

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1 WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms is also meant to
2 protect the general private uses of firearms in activities
3 such as hunting and other sporting activities; and

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5 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, in *District of*
6 *Columbia v. Heller*, 128 S.Ct. 2783 (2008), recently struck
7 down a firearms ban in the District of Columbia explicitly
8 ruling that the Second Amendment protects an individual
9 right to possess firearms for private use; and

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11 WHEREAS, despite this ruling legislation has been
12 introduced in the United States House of Representatives
13 calling for a system of mandatory federal licensing of all
14 firearm owners; and

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16 WHEREAS, the legislation introduced would require all
17 firearm owners to apply for and carry a federally issued
18 picture identification in order to keep any firearm in
19 their home; and

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21 WHEREAS, the legislation introduced would make it a federal
22 crime to keep a loaded firearm or an unloaded firearm and
23 ammunition within any premises, including American homes,
24 where a child may be present; and

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2 WHEREAS, the legislation introduced specifically purports
3 to pre-empt any state or local law inconsistent with the
4 legislation; and

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6 WHEREAS, the introduced legislation, Blair Holt's Firearm
7 Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009, is a direct
8 imposition on each American's individual right to keep and
9 bear arms in their homes and for their protection.

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11 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
12 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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14 **Section 1.** That members of the United States Congress
15 cease and desist attempting to enact federal legislation
16 impinging on the individual right of every American to keep
17 and bear arms in any manner. Specifically, that members of
18 Congress oppose the passage of the Firearm Licensing and
19 Record of Sale Act of 2009 and any similar legislation.

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1 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
3 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
5 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation
6 and make copies of this resolution available to media
7 outlets.

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