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Your honors,

I live 2 hours from the closest law enforcement assistance in the remote mountains of the Klamath national forest where drug cartels regularly and perennially grow illicit marijuana.

I hike, hunt, and pack horses and mules professionally in these mountains each summer and fall.

Myself and others have encountered evidence of cartel grow sites which makes us leave the area. I have been fortunate not to have come in direct contact but with the increased pervasiveness come increased possibility for contact.

The cartel grow sites change location from year to year but have increased in regularity over time, especially after the state of California created “sanctuary” laws and conditions as encouraged by Xavier Becerra himself.

The drug cartels now grow in the adjacent forest with impunity and with the tacit approval of the very man seeking to restrict my RIGHT to defend against this unlawful dangerous behavior.

According to local law enforcement these cartels are often armed and staffed by multiple criminal aliens. I am at a disadvantage numerically and tactically if I encounter them.

The local Elk Deer and Bear Hunting season is exactly the same period of the year as marijuana harvest time when the value of these illicit grows is greatest.

My home in Forks of Salmon is two hours drive from our Sherrif departments response under perfect road conditions, and the areas my self and others access are even further from law enforcement response and similarly far out of cell phone range as to my home. The closest cell coverage is over an hour drive.

I literally have no ability to call for help much less receive help even if I were able to make contact with any of the local law enforcement agencies, Siskiyou sheriff, CHP, US Forest service, California Fish and Game.

Simply put, if I encounter these cartel grows I am literally and practicably unable to call for any law enforcement help and even if I could call for Law enforcement assistance the response time would certainly be multiple extra hours at minimum under the best circumstances.

The location where we found Spanish language food wrappers, garbage, and staged personal items last September would have taken the sheriff four or five hours to reach and taken a similar amount of time for US forest service police, the CHP, or any Fish and game officers.

We were on horseback and deep in inhospitable country not conducive to speedy travel.

The state is seeking to deprive me of the ability to arm myself with sufficient capacity to defend myself. This not only puts me at greater risk but also deprives

me of my constitutional right to KEEP and subsequently BEAR sufficient arms to protect my Life Liberty and the continued pursuit of my happiness.

The state does this while intentionally violating federal immigration law.

They allow criminal aliens into the state some portion of whom are marijuana growing cartel members/employees and thereby tacitly grant immunity to these cartels by creating a sanctuary condition, whereby their numbers increase annually.

The State creates the very condition where I may need my rights but seeks to restrict my rights.

The state now seeks to restrict mine and others ability to defend ourselves in the event contact is made with these potentially violent and heavily armed individuals. The state is both causing the condition where I may need a magazine capacity above 10 rounds and then seeking to prevent having that capacity to defend myself.

I'd like the court to consider that the state created a very real need to be able to keep and bear sufficient arms. To consider it, while recognizing that individual law

abiding citizens like myself must understand and are then individually responsible for criminal use of said arms. Proper or improper use should be the line of demarcation between permissibility and criminality not keeping and bearing them.

It is my inalienable right under the second amendment to keep and bear whatever arms may be required to ensure my freedom, but not necessarily to use them, unless used under the already very well defined circumstances of; immediate threat of death or great bodily harm.

The states attempt to restrict my ability to keep and bear sufficient arms while allowing the criminals sanctuary in direct contravention to federal law puts me at increased and unnecessary risk. The state of California is violating federal immigration law and violating my constitutional rights simultaneously.

It's akin to lighting the forest Adjacent to my home and suggesting I only need a certain size hose to prevent my house from burning down. The constitution is quite clear and my life circumstances and personal risks will increase if you allow the state to prevail.

There are already ample penalties for misuse of firearms but the constitution specifically states I have an inalienable RIGHT to KEEP and BEAR them. To have them and carry them.

It is quite clear to me that I do not have a right to use them, brandish them, or otherwise use them in an criminal manner, but I absolutely have a right to keep them and bear them which would provide me the potentially necessary security to use them consistent with the law should I be faced with that scenario. A scenario, I repeat, caused by the very state as represented by the man who seeks to prevent my ability to defend myself.

To someone like myself who lives so remotely and depends on personal responsibility to stay alive and live the states actions are reckless and completely out of line with our constitution in both the letter and intent.

People don't buy fire extinguishers sprinklers or fire insurance expecting a fire but in the unlikely even of a fire want to be able to mitigate the effects and protect our lives and assets. The state is lighting fires and telling me I can't decide what I need to protect my most sacred asset, my life.

Similarly, I didn't wear a parachute flying in an aerobatic plane expecting the engine to stop and to need to jump out.

But Having sufficient capacity to defend oneself is like having a parachute. If you need it and don't have it it's likely the last time you ever will need it.

Please do not strip citizens like myself of our inalienable right to Keep and bear arms. Especially in light of the Xavier Becerra and the state of California's very intentional acts in creating the conditions where myself or others may need to keep bear and possibly and quite unfortunately use them.

I often read of courts adjudicating based on other available remedies. What remedies do I as a tax paying law abiding citizen have other than not enjoying the adjacent national forests. The state has other remedies to this situation, like enforcing immigration law, enforcing state and federal drug laws, and allowing otherwise law abiding citizens to live within the framework of our constitution.

they choose not to pursue any of these choices but rather seek to restrict the law abiding tax payers to the advantage of criminal aliens committing federal crimes.

Please do not let the state prevail in usurping my rights as a citizen.