

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

FEDERAL FIREARMS )  
LICENSEES OF ILLINOIS, *et al.*, )  
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Plaintiffs, )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
JAY ROBERT "J.R." PRITZKER, *et al.*, )  
 )  
Defendants. )

Case No. 3:23-215-SPM

DECLARATION OF JOHN BOCH ON BEHALF OF GUNS SAVE LIFE

I, JOHN BOCH, being first duly sworn upon oath, state the following:

1. I make this Declaration in support of the actions being taking in this matter to challenge 720 ILCS 5/24-1.9, et seq. ("Illinois' Firearms Ban Act");
2. I have personal knowledge of the allegations contained in this Declaration and, if called to testify at a hearing and/or trial in this matter, will competently testify to the allegations contained in this Declaration;
3. I am over 21 years of age;
4. I am a citizen and resident of the State of Illinois and of the United States of America;
5. I am a law-abiding individual and legally eligible under state and federal laws to acquire, maintain, modify, possess, purchase, repair, sell, supply and/or transfer to others, transport and/or travel freely with, and/or use firearms, firearms attachments and/or firearms parts;
6. I am the Executive Director of President of Plaintiff GUNS SAVE LIFE ("GSL");
7. GSL is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, with its principal place of business in the State of Illinois;

8. GSL represents many members and/or supporters throughout the State of Illinois and in this judicial district in teaching and training them and others in proper and safe firearm possession and/or usage;

9. In my capacity as Executive Director of GSL, I have personal knowledge of the background, history, mission and operations of GSL;

10. In my capacity as Executive Director of GSL, I have daily contact with members and/or supporters regarding their concerns, questions, requests and/or suggestions on how GSL can best represent their interests;

11. In my capacity as Executive Director of GSL, I received numerous personal reports from our members and/or supporters who are irreparably harmed by Illinois' Firearms Ban Act because their respective abilities to acquire, maintain, modify, possess, purchase, repair, sell, supply and/or transfer to others, transport and/or travel freely with, and/or use the firearms, the attachments and/or parts banned by Illinois' Firearms Ban Act, are severely curtailed, and/or restricted, if not outright banned;

12. In my capacity as Executive Director of GSL, many members and/or supporters have reached out to me to voice their concerns and fears of how Illinois' Firearms Ban Act threatens, among other things, the following:

A. Their inability to obtain parts to keep firearms they owned prior to the passage of Illinois' Firearms Ban Act, but are now arbitrarily defined as "assault weapons", in good working order should these firearms break or fail to operate properly because of the current ban on parts;

B. Their inability to purchase a firearm, prior to the passage of Illinois' Firearms Ban Act, due to financial and/or timing conditions, but are now prohibited from doing so in the future because these commonly used firearms have now arbitrarily been defined as "assault weapons"

and, therefore, banned;

C. Their inability to purchase additional firearms, which are now prohibited by Illinois' Firearms Ban Act, in the future because these commonly used firearms have now arbitrarily been defined as "assault weapons" and, therefore, banned;

D. Their inability to complete the assembly of firearms they began assembling prior to the passage of Illinois' Firearms Ban Act but are now arbitrarily defined as "assault weapons" and, therefore, banned; and/or

E. Their inability to possess, own and/or use a firearm which is now banned in conducting training courses even though they have as much as, and/or even more firearms training than certain individuals who are exempt from the ban on these firearms;

13. GSL's members and/or supporters have no plain, speedy and adequate remedy at law to fully redress the continued violation of their civil and constitutional rights caused by Illinois' Firearms Ban Act;

14. GSL's members and/or supporters desire, and overwhelmingly support, GSL's involvement in this matter to protect the rights which they believe are being unconstitutionally infringed upon by Illinois' Firearms Ban Act;

15. GSL's representational capacity in this matter, on behalf of our members' and/or supporters' interests, to protect their constitutionally protected civil rights is a routine function of GSL throughout the Nation, this State and/or this judicial district and, therefore, is germane to GSL's mission; and

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

I, JOHN BOCH, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
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JOHN BOCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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