

October 6, 2020

Otsego 2AS Petition Presentation Statement

Ladies and gentlemen of the Board...

On behalf of the Otsego 2AS, otherwise known as "Second Amendment Sanctuary", it is with great pride that our gathered petitions are formally submitted for your attention and consideration for the Second Amendment Sanctuary status of our county.

The method of presentation today is not our preference; however, the length of the pandemic has delayed our delivery of the Second Amendment petitions. In our current climate the sanctity of our rights is something on every American's mind and thus these petitions convey the gravity and the sincerity felt by the people of Otsego County to stand for America's Bill of Rights.

Otsego County, along with many other counties in New York State as well as the country, stand steadfastly against the perpetual and systemic attacks on our Constitutional Right to keep and bear arms. We, of Otsego 2AS, stand among thousands in this county, collectively telling each of you "enough is enough"! We the people are standing up for our belief in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

America is a Constitutional Representative Republic. As such, the base alloy of our societal Law is the Constitution itself. And this Law states the following:

"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..."

Shall not be what?

What is that word?

The word is "Infringe". A word too many politicians who harbor shallow oaths of office seem to prefer to ignore. The Constitution, the law of this

great nation says, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

If a free State is to endure, the transgressions and attacks must come to an end, and that end starts today.

It serves as an important reminder of American history upon acceptable vs unacceptable American Law. Recall the Supreme Court decision of 1803 upon the act of invalidating a Congressionally passed law, to which is quoted:

"...a law repugnant to the Constitution is Void, and courts, as well as OTHER DEPARTMENTS, are bound by that instrument."

Therefore, it is the expressed and expected duty of an elected and affirmed Official to reject any such law passed which is Constitutionally repugnant. On this basis, one either embraces his/her oath to support the Constitution, or they do not.

We have here presented for your review and record, our collected petitions of 3,295. As this 3,295 signed and carefully vetted endorsements to the 2AS Cause is to be the number of record, be warned that this is not the number in reality. During our signature collecting, we have encountered a number of hindrances:

- Signature theft. It has been brought to our attention that certain areas, particularly in Cooperstown and Worcester, some small businesses reported their gathered petitions were stolen.
- A Fear to sign. Many people we have approached championed support of the Second Amendment, but due to the infamous reputation of Leftist bullying, harassment and even possible violence, they refused to write their name with even a town where they live.
- The viral pandemic skyrocketing into societal panic. Clearly, anyone of fear of sickness and death was hardly about to touch a stranger's pen and paper.
- And lastly, due to the continued economic shutdown, some small businesses who have been collecting signatures have remained closed and were not able to be contacted.

So, you may record 3,295 as the formal submittal, and we are proud of that effort. But for you representatives who use such petitions as a measure of the public pulse...be assured that the more you round upwards, the closer to reality of the Otsego people's pulse you will be.

We of Otsego 2AS collectively stand that the Constitution must be supported. Each of you, as an elected official, has taken an oath to honor the Constitution and we too support the Constitution, and also vigorously protect and defend it! Precisely the sanctuary America was designed to be!

To be sure, fighting in support of freedom is never easy. Yet fighting for freedom has always been the preferred side of history. Which side you are on will soon be revealed.

With Respect,

The Otsego County 2AS Leadership