

## The Second Amendment

I am a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment. The Wyoming constitution codified the rights of Wyoming's people in Article 1, Section 24 stating, "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be denied."

Our Wyoming laws reflect this constitutional right, and I support pro-gun legislation that pushes back against federal government overreach. It is a stance I have held since my first year in office when I supported [House Bill 104](#) - Firearm Protection Act and the [Regulation of firearms-state preemption](#) bill in 2013 and have maintained throughout my time in the Legislature.

From saying no to [federal gun buyback programs](#), limiting [financial discrimination on firearm transactions](#), reinforcing your [right to self-defense](#), to [stopping federal seizure of firearms](#) during an emergency, my record has been consistently pro-gun.

In 2020 I voted for [Second Amendment Preservation Act](#), and while that effort didn't pass, my commitment to saying no to federal overreach remained. In the 2021 Legislative Session, I authored, and my legislative colleagues joined me in passing, [House Joint Resolution 11](#)- State sovereignty impacted by federal actions, which calls on the federal government to respect state sovereignty and states that the federal government should not regulate arms at a national level and that the Executive Department of the federal government work with Congress and the states to review and correct federal actions which infringe on the rights of citizens.

In the 2022 Budget Session, I voted for the introduction of [House Bill 133](#) - Second Amendment Preservation Act-2, a more stringent version of [Senate File 102](#) - Second Amendment Protection Act, which I also voted for and is the bill that ultimately passed.

In 2017, I voted for [House Bill 137](#) - Wyoming Repeal Gun Free Zones Act, which thoughtfully removed restrictions on where a person can carry concealed weapons. That law was passed but later vetoed by then Governor Mead. The same year, I co-sponsored [House Bill 194](#) - School safety and security, which allows school districts to arm school employees. I have not supported legislation that fully repeals the gun free zone designation for schools, as my locally elected school boards have never supported that repeal.

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As my record reflects, I take protection of the 2nd Amendment seriously. I have been and will continue to be a staunch supporter of thoughtful pro-gun legislation.