

Aaron Schlabach's Testimony

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I am an avid supporter of the Second Amendment. In Grove City, where I am from, I spoke in support of bringing a gun range and store to my town.

I believe that the right to bear arms, like our other Rights, are based on the concept. Right to speech does not mean only government approved speech or speech that existed at that time, the same for all other rights.

Also, telling people that they must get permission to carry a gun from the government is Anti-American. It requires an unequivocal belief in the purity of government, which is antithetical to the very beliefs that we were founded on.

In fact, federal courts have ruled time and again that the police force are not required to defend you if in moral peril. We all remember the Broward Coward of Parkland High, an officer who waited for a mass murder of children to end instead of trying to stop it. Now, I believe in our police force, many of them would defend those in need but the point is requirement.

Not to mention, if you are being mugged, robbed, burgled, beaten, or killed, the police take more time to get there.

While we discuss those attempting harm, we must remember that they break many laws including carrying concealed with no permit.

In the end, permits only prevent the law abiding from defending themselves, leaving them more open to harm for fear of being called a felon themselves.

And finally, and candidly, the second Amendment says "bear arms" by what authority do you claim the right to say I cannot carry a gun should I choose? The Constitution is not the Government giving the people rights, the Constitution is the terms of the People for the government to exist. We demand these rights. Should you seek to limit them, you are betraying the people.

I hope that you will consider me for the opportunity to speak before the State Legislature. This is a very important issue to me.