



## Lehigh Valley Firearms Coalition

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Dear Representative Argall:

I want to thank you for your reply to our letter, asking about your commitment to uphold the Right to Keep and Bear Arms under the two constitutions. Your reply is now posted on the Lehigh Valley Firearms Coalition's (LVFC) website. You can view your reply by going to: <http://www.levfc.org/legislators.htm>

The reason I am writing again is to give you the chance to clarify your position. I have received a lot of communications about your response and frankly many of our members have doubts about the meaning of what you said. In your letter you state "oppose what seems to be unreasonable control of a law-abiding individual's right to lawfully possess and use firearms". The words "unreasonable control" are subjective and what they mean depends on who utters them. I refer to the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article 1, Sections 21 & 25:

**Right to Bear Arms,  
Section 21.**

The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

**Reservation of Powers in People,  
Section 25.**

To guard against the transgressions of the high powers which we have delegated, we declare that everything in this article is excepted out of the general powers of government and shall forever remain inviolate.

Also "lawfully possess" can have a different meaning if you change the law.

**Sir, some people think it is not unreasonable to require the registration of firearms. Yet the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Haynes v. U.S.* (309 U.S. 85 (1968)) that since felons are prohibited from owning firearms, compelling them to register them would violate their 5th Amendment rights against self-incrimination, because they would be arrested upon registration. The Supreme Court ruling means that laws requiring the registration of firearms can only be enforced against honest law-abiding citizens. Convicted felons get a pass on such a law. The LVFC would like to know your position on the registration of firearms.**

**Sir, some people think a “One Gun a Month” law is not unreasonable. The reason given is because of the multiple purchases of hand guns which are resold within the cities. Yet, to do such an activity requires breaking a Federal Law which is “Dealing Without A License” (which I have yet to hear about BATFE or a federal prosecutor pursuing a case) and a “Straw Purchase” which is already prosecutable under federal and Pennsylvania laws. Recently in a conversation with Representative Thomas Caltagione, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Caltagione stated to me that he could not understand why the local prosecutors do not prosecute many of the “Straw Purchase” violations, which end up with guns in the hands of criminals. The LVFC would like to know your position on the “One Gun a Month” proposal.**

**Some think it is not unreasonable to ban “Assault Weapons”. That is a demeaning description of firearms that has no relationship to actual “Assault Weapons”, except appearance. The Crime Act of 1994 banned a variety of firearms based upon this ever popular political term, yet no firearm that was banned was an actual “Assault Weapon”. According to armies throughout the world, an assault weapon is defined as having:**

- 1. Automatic Capability or Selective Fire, meaning a single pull of the trigger will function the firing mechanism until you experience a malfunction, run out of ammo, or release the trigger.**
- 2. Intermediate powered cartridge, meaning no high power hunting ammunition, and not pistol ammunition.**

**Thanks to the liberals in congress and a willing press, the definitions were bastardized to prohibit:**

- 1. Bayonet Lugs, which nobody can show even one instance of a “Drive By Bayoneting”.**
- 2. Flash Hiders, which have no lethal advantage in the banned rifles, other than looking dangerous. This feature outlawed many rifles that were never intended to be put on the “evil rifle list”.**
- 3. Pistol Grips, which help certain “in line” designed rifles to shoot more accurately due to less recoil effect.**
- 4. Many firearms of all calibers.**

**The passing of the 1994 Crime Act resulted in many problems for Competitive Shooters who compete at Camp Perry, and banned a variety of hand guns which had parts which**

were strictly cosmetic. It created problems for re-enactors because many states followed suit and added more restrictions, like legally treating many of these long arms like hand guns. In 2004 the sun-set provision kicked in, eliminating the law at the federal level. Unfortunately we have several house members that want to duplicate that law in Pennsylvania.

The LVFC would like to know your position on banning so called "Assault Weapons". We look forward to posting your next reply and hopefully it will satisfy our members.

Sincerely,

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