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CCRKBA Special Analysis:

GUN GRABBERS READY MULTI-PRONG ATTACK

Gun grabbers in public office around the country are mounting a multi-tiered attack on law-abiding United States gun owners to undermine further if not eliminate the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms. They want to make it impossible for citizens to be able to defend life and property from violent criminal attack.

Some of the tactics in this new version of the decades-long assault on American gun rights are very high profile. Others are more low-key.

Among the high-profile aspects of this new assault is a move to unite anti-gun mayors around the country. These mayors are proposing increased restrictions on gun acquisition and use. They also want Congress to refrain from passing or to repeal already-passed legislation of benefit to firearms and ammunition manufacturers, distributors and dealers.

Led by Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City, they are working against initiatives by pro-gun advocates in Congress such as Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas. Smith, a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month, wants to codify permanent prohibitions on the use of NCIC information for purposes other than those relating directly to law enforcement. Bloomberg and the others want the information to be available so that cities can use it in lawsuits against the gun industry.

Bloomberg's high profile anti-gun antics drew public praise from the anti-gun Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. "We all owe Mayor Bloomberg a great deal of praise," said Jim Brady. "A lot of public officials talk about standing up to the public interests – Mayor Bloomberg is really doing it."

At present, others are taking a lower profile in the gun grabber attack on gun rights. One of these, believe it or not, is one of the Senate's usually most outspoken anti-gun advocates, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York.

Recently, he introduced a significant anti-gun bill with potentially devastating implications for the firearms-owning public. This bill would eliminate specifically current federal law provision that no funds appropriated for BATFE "with respect to any fiscal year may be used to disclose part or all of the contents of the Firearms Trace System Database."

The Schumer bill would enable anti-gun mayors to raid the federal system for information they want to perpetrate anti-gun legal actions.

The whole scenario shows that the two anti-gun New York politicians, Bloomberg and Schumer, are teaming up to lead an attack from different directions on American gun owners.

CCRKBA RIPS UN NY GUN GRAB MEETING

CCRKBA again is ripping into international gun grabbers seeking to use the United Nations as a vehicle for promoting global gun control.

"These one world anti-gun enthusiasts want to undermine the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding Americans to keep and bear arms," said CCRKBA Public Affairs Director John M. Snyder in Washington, D.C., "and we're working to make sure they do not accomplish their mission."

The latest round in the international assault on personal firearm ownership and the natural right to self-defense occurs June 26 through July 7 in New York City. This is the occasion for the Conference at the United Nations to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Program of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

Included in the UN Program of Action are proposals for gun registration to be enforced at the international level, international regulations for manufacturing, distributing and retailing of guns and ammunition, and UN-sanctioned limitations on the possession and use of small arms, including rifles, shotguns and handguns, and ammunition.

The Program if adopted and implemented, would add up to a direct assault on the Second Amendment rights of American citizens.

Fortunately, the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador John Bolton, a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month, has vowed that "the United States will not join consensus on a final document that contains measures contrary to our constitutional right to keep and

bear arms."

That, however, has not stopped the UN anti-gun onslaught. Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, stated just last year that, "We must not relax our efforts to combat the scourge of illicit small arms and light weapons, which continue to kill, maim and displace scores of thousands of innocent people every year."

International anti-gun extremist Rebecca Peters called U.S. opposition to the UN scheme voiced by former Congressman Bob Barr, also a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender, as "ranting by American gun loons."

Peters is the Director of the International Action Network on Small Arms and former leader of the Australian National Coalition for Gun Control.

She wrote that, "The gun control revolution has also reached the UN, where a process to reduce the proliferation and misuse of small arms kicked off in 2001. The UN process is developing global norms to regulate the world's estimated 650 million guns and has produced an international agreement on the marking and tracing of weapons. We expect further progress from the five-year review conference to be held this June in New York."

Snyder declared that, "Peters, Annan and the rest of the international gun-grabbing gang must be stopped. We now have in the Congress a legislative vehicle that, if adopted, could begin to put a stop to them. This is the proposed Second Amendment Protection Act, to withhold American funding from the UN if the United Nations abridges the rights recognized by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution."

In the Senate, the proposal is S. 1488, by Sen. David Vitter (LA) and

in the House of Representatives, it is H.R. 3436 by Rep. Charles Boustany, also of Louisiana.

"CCRKBA Members and Supporters ought to contact their U.S. Representative and urge him or her to support H.R. 3436," said Snyder.

"They also ought to contact both of their U.S. Senators and urge support for S. 1488.

"We need this legislation. It's time to tell the international gun grabbers not to mess with our Second Amendment!"



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CCRKBA HITS MAYORAL GUN GRABBING SUMMIT

CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron branded a highly-publicized “gun summit” hosted recently by anti-gun Mayors Michael Bloomberg of New York City and Thomas Menino of Boston as in reality a planning session for devising more schemes to restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens.

He pointed out that they would lead only to more crime because people would be unable to protect themselves.

Lawrence G. Keene, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), had faxed a message to Bloomberg at (212) 788-2460, pointing out that “our industry has developed programs that are working to reduce criminal misuse of firearms.”

He stated that NSSF “would welcome the opportunity to educate mayors about these programs, including Don’t Lie for the Other Guy, the straw purchase deterrence initiative developed in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.”

NSSF said Bloomberg’s office denied the offer. Bloomberg’s press secretary, Stu Loeser, dismissed the offer “out of hand,” according to the New York Post.

Bloomberg and Menino said the mayors needed to use every tool, including tougher laws and litigation against firearm dealers, to combat gun trafficking because the federal government had abdicated its responsibility, reported The New York Times.

The anti-gun mayors also hope to block pro-gun legislation pending in Congress, such as H.R. 5005, by Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas, a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month. H.R.

5005 would prohibit the disclosure of firearms trace data for any purpose other than a specific criminal investigation or prosecution. If enacted into law, cities or other public entities could not use trace data to support lawsuits against gun manufacturers, distributors or dealers.

Keene said that, “corrupt firearm dealers should be prosecuted, but the mere fact that a trace has occurred does not mean that anyone in the chain of commerce has done anything wrong. Tracing is a law enforcement investigative tool and the data it produces should not be misused as evidence to bring lawsuits.”

CCRKBA’s Joe Waldron said these mayors, “rather than devising and suggesting more restrictions on the rights of law-abiding gun owners, need to recognize that urban violence is a symptom of deeper problems that their bankrupt social policies perpetuate.”

He recalled that, “10 years ago, the ‘solution’ to gun trafficking into New York City from southern states with so-called ‘lax’ gun laws was to impose one-gun-a-month laws in those states. That scheme proved a colossal failure because Virginia, where such a law is on the books, is still the number one source of illegal guns in New York. Yet honest citizens face ridiculous roadblocks to gun ownership, and legal concealed carry is nearly impossible.

“This is really a case of demand creating the market. Street thugs will find and exploit any source of firearms, regardless of what restrictions are placed on honest gun owners. Criminals ignore laws, especially gun laws, and Bloomberg, Menino and their anti-gun colleagues from

around the country know it.”

It is puzzling to try to figure out “just how the mayors of Dallas, Seattle, Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Washington, DC expect to discourage violent inner-city thugs, who account for more than half of all U.S. homicides, by slapping restrictions on all citizens across the nation,” Waldron observed. “These are the same people who want their cities to be ‘amnesty zones’ for illegal aliens. They and their predecessors have advocated Draconian gun laws that directly attack the rights of law-abiding citizens, particularly in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee and the District of Columbia, leaving them at the mercy of the criminals.

“Bloomberg, Menino and the others aren’t going to provide a solution because their policies are the problem. If these mayors want to discourage criminals, they should support laws that give citizens the tools to fight back, and that protect them from abusive prosecution when they do.”

In addition to Bloomberg and Menino, the mayoral summit participants included Philip A. Amicone of Yonkers, NY; Tom Barrett of Milwaukee, WI; Byron W. Brown of Buffalo, NY; David N. Cicilline of Providence, RI; Jerramiah T. Healy of Jersey City, NJ; Laura Miller of Dallas, TX; Franklin Melton of Jackson, MI; Gregory J. Nickels of Seattle, WA; Douglas H. Palmer of Trenton, NJ; Eddie A. Perez of Hartford, CT; John F. Street of Philadelphia, PA; Kathy Taylor of Tulsa, OK; and Anthony A. Williams of Washington, DC.

SNYDER BLASTS ID GUN THIEVES

John Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, attacked perpetrators of identity theft recently on the National Rifle Association's live Internet program, www.NRANews.com.

He said the nation's fastest growing crime is "a serious potential threat to the rights of the country's 80 million law-abiding firearm owners."

Host Cam Edwards conducted the interview. He announced that an informal Internet poll of the program audience indicated two-thirds of the viewers agree ID theft is a matter of deep concern to them.

Snyder believes America's gun owners could face possibly harmful consequences from identity theft.

He encourages the gun-owning public, as well as the public in general, to combat it.

He supports proposed legislation designed to combat it.

He is concerned that if a law-abiding gun owner's identity is stolen

by a criminal, that criminal could use the gun owner's good name to acquire a firearm which otherwise the criminal could not obtain.

He thinks there is a potential risk that an identity thief could undermine the legal safeguards against illegitimate acquisition of firearms instituted by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Currently, when a potential firearm purchaser wishes to buy a gun through a Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) dealer, the dealer runs an electronic records check through NCIC. If there is an indication of a criminal record prohibiting the potential sale to the prospective buyer, the transaction legally may not take place. If there is no such record, the transaction may take place.

"I want to make sure we do everything we possibly can to ensure that no good firearm owner's honorable name is stolen by an identity thief

and used to subvert NCIC in making a firearms purchase," he said.

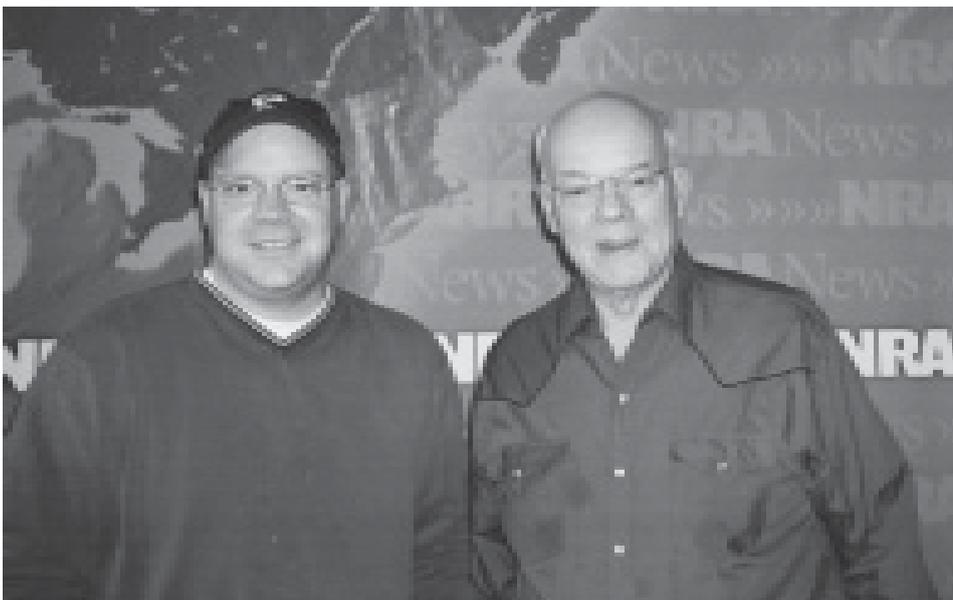
"We ought to prevent gun owners from having their identities stolen and having to face the possibly horrendous legal and economic consequences of such an occurrence.

"That's why I'm supporting legislation introduced by Congressman Cliff Stearns of Florida and urging gun owners and others throughout the country to do the same. This legislation, H.R. 4127, the proposed Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA), would instruct the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate regulations that require each person engaged in interstate commerce that owns or possesses data in electronic form containing personal information to establish and implement policies and procedures regarding information security practices for the treatment and protection of personal information."

Rep. Stearns is a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month.

Snyder noted that the proposed DATA was approved unanimously on a bipartisan vote in late March by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and sent to the full House. "If firearm owners and others demonstrate there is general public support for this anti-ID theft measure," he observed, "it stands a good chance for enactment at the earliest possible date."

Snyder noted also that gun owners and citizens generally could consult a special FTC web page, <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>, to learn what can be done to protect oneself from identity theft.



BAD GUN LAWS CAUSING METROPOLITAN EXODUS

The Census Bureau reported recently on what amounts to a “domestic migration” from three large cities in three key states.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb says repressive gun laws are causing much of this population flight.

The Associated Press reported this spring that, according to the Census Bureau, New York, California and Illinois are the states losing the most people.

Gottlieb said that, “this is no mystery. Those states are infamous for their anti-gun attitudes. We have heard countless times from people who have moved from those states because they wanted to escape the Draconian gun laws.

“The Census Bureau reports that

New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles lost the most residents between 2000 and 2004. Anti-gun politicians and their restrictive gun laws have made it virtually impossible for average law-abiding citizens to get a concealed pistol license in Los Angeles or New York City. In Chicago, you can’t own an unregistered gun, and they no longer register handguns.”

He said that, “Americans prefer to live where they can enjoy freedom and liberty, rather than depend upon an oppressive, disinterested municipal bureaucracy for their safety.”

Gottlieb noted also that, “it’s not enough just to have a job anymore. Americans are choosing to live where their families are secure and where sensible gun laws allow them

to protect themselves and what’s theirs. They’re tired of being treated like criminals for exercising their civil right to own a gun. They’re tired of taking the rap for crimes they didn’t commit because gun-hating politicians are powerless against predatory thugs, or have sold out to political correctness, and refuse to crack down.

“They’re tired of being scapegoats for governments that do more harm than good. They want to live where owning guns is respected rather than reviled, and where criminals think twice about attacking someone who may be ready and willing to fight back.”

KANSAS LEGISLATORS THE CCRKBA RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Two Kansas State legislators, one a Republican and one a Democrat, are the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defenders of the Month for June.

The two are State Sen. Phillip B. Journey, who represents Kansas' 26th Senatorial District, and State Rep. Candy Ruff, who represents Kansas' 40th House District.

The two led the recent successful legislative battle to override Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius' veto of the state's concealed carry legislation.

The override vote was 30-10 in the State Senate and 91-33 in the State House of Representatives.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb and CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron made the joint nomination. They noted that "CCRKBA is proud of the Kansas lawmakers in both parties who stood firm against anti-gun forces and acted swiftly to override the veto. Sen. Phil Journey and Rep. Candy Ruff are to be especially congratulated for their perseverance. They did a fine job of spearheading this effort."

Journey said he expects about 48,000 Kansans, or two percent of the population, to obtain concealed carry permits in the first four years.

"The people of Kansas have waited a long time for this," he said.

Ruff said she immediately made three phone calls after the override vote.

One went to her husband, a Leavenworth, Kansas police officer who supports the concealed carry firearm legislation.

The other two calls went to rape victims who had contacted Ruff saying they want to carry guns in order to feel safer.

"People now have the right to defend themselves if they want to," she said, but added that she herself does not plan to acquire a concealed carry permit.

"I've never had a desire to carry a concealed gun," she said. "I pushed it because two rape victims in my district asked me to."

Phil Journey, who turned 50 this spring, was born in Kansas City and has been a resident of Haysville, Kansas since 1960.

A 1974 graduate of Campus High School, he received a BA in Business from Washburn University in 1979 with an emphasis in Accounting. Other significant areas of study included economics and statistical analysis.

He graduated from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1983.

An outstanding defender of Second Amendment rights, Phil was named 1993 Firearm Rights Activist of the Year. He has served on the National Firearms Civil Rights Legal Defense Fund 501(C)3 affiliated with the NRA Board of Directors, the Kansas State Rifle Association (KSRA) Board of Directors, and the NRA Board of Directors, with Legislative Policy, Grassroots Development, Shooting Range Development and other committee memberships.

Phil has been both President and Vice President of KSRA, an NRA affiliate. He also has been President of the Kansas Second Amendment Society, a political action committee, since 1995.

From 1993 up to the present, Phil has hosted talk shows on KCTU TV 55 and VHF Channel 5 at 7 P.M. CST Friday evenings, which may be seen

live at www.kctu.com. Viewers may comment about current political news, with focus on firearm issues, state political issues and local news.

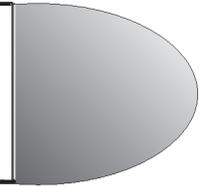
A panel leader for the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences, he has served on Emmy Committees judging local markets such as New York City, New Orleans, Kansas City and others.

A grass roots political activist since 1988, Phil is a member of the American Association of Political Consultants. In 2003, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the Kansas Senate, and was elected to the seat two years ago for a full four-year term.

Candy Ruff, born on February 13, 1951, spent her childhood moving from place to place as the daughter of an Army officer. She moved to Leavenworth, Kansas in 1976 and developed a career in social work.

She writes that when her area got a new district, "that district was the one I ran for in 1992. I was reelected in 1994, unopposed in 1996 and re-elected in 1998.

"I got married in 1971. Two years later, the best thing that ever happened to me occurred. My son, Bobby, was born. Since then, no career, no election nor recognition has come close to being as important. God also blessed me with a great husband. Gregory is my Prince of Wonderfulness. He is supportive, kind and a good judge of people and events. He serves as a lieutenant with the Leavenworth Police Department and recently retired as an MP with the Army Reserves."



It appears a national anti-gun group is exchanging a washed-up former congressman as its president for a washed-up former mayor. Paul Helmke, a former mayor of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is replacing Michael Barnes, a former U.S. Representative from Maryland, as President of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. Phyllis Segal, Chair of the Campaign Board of Trustees, says Barnes will continue as President Emeritus and Senior Advisor. The organization is working to strengthen law enforcement tools relating to gun dealers, to extend NCIC checks to all gun sales, and to stop what it calls "large volume gun sales." The group was very upset recently when the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security approved H.R. 5092 which, if enacted into law, would require BATFE to prove that a gun dealer specifically intended to violate federal law in order to sanction or prosecute the dealer.



CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron says that the gun control agenda of a current mayor, Seattle WA Mayor Greg Nickles, could have been written by an extremist gun control organization known as Washington CeaseFire, and "probably was." The Nickles proposals are nearly identical to a wish list detailed by CeaseFire President Ralph Fasciella in a recent Seattle Times Op-Ed piece. Waldron states that "Mayor Nickles wants to close a mythical gun show loophole even though the Justice Department data has shown

that less than one percent of armed felons obtained their guns from gun shows. He complained that our laws are designed to punish criminals after they commit crimes. Does he want to punish law-abiding citizens before crimes are committed? That's prior restraint and it is unconscionable."



For the fourth time, a federal judge has enabled New York City's lawsuit against several gun manufacturers to survive congressional actions that were expected to terminate it. Judge Jack B. Weinstein ruled in late April that the city may have access to gun tracing information gathered by BATFE even though a recently enacted measure expressly forbids such data from being used in civil suits. He said the new rule does not apply to information already in the city's possession. The city intends to rely heavily on firearms tracing information to prove its claim that gun manufacturers create a public nuisance by recklessly distributing firearms. Lawrence Greenwald, an attorney for Beretta U.S.S., said the gun companies were likely to appeal. "BATFE and Congress have taken a position that this is essentially law enforcement information, intended for use in law enforcement," he stated. "It is quite another thing to open it up to the whole world in a civil case."

"During states of emergency," stated Oklahoma State Rep. Mike



Shelton, "I think police need to take control. They don't need to worry who has guns and who doesn't. If the governor of Oklahoma calls for Oklahomans to relinquish their guns, the public needs to do so." CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb said in reaction, "Shelton's attitude is outrageous, especially for someone who holds public office and is supposed to serve the people, not violate their civil rights. In an emergency, the police really shouldn't worry who has guns and who doesn't, but only because it should be the least of their concerns. Armed citizens, as has been proven in many cases, are often times the only semblance of neighborhood and personal security. How dare Shelton suggest that law-abiding citizens blindly give up their only means of personal defense at the whim of a governor or anyone else."



In New Hampshire, the Manchester Union Leader called on Gov. John Lynch to sign into law Senate Bill 18, by State Sen. Peter Bragdon of Amherst. Passed by the state legislature in April, it would allow citizens not on their own property, but in a place they have a right to be, to use deadly force against an aggressor without first trying to flee or surrender property. "No citizen should face prison for standing up to an attacker," editorialized the newspaper.

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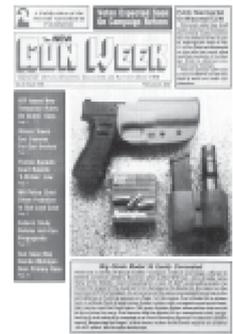
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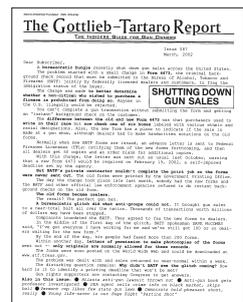
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