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CCRKBA TO PIERS MORGAN: 'YOUR PLANE IS WAITING'

Late last year, CNN's Piers Morgan threatened to "deport" himself if the United States did not dramatically change its gun laws, and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms suggested that he pack his bags.

The announcement went viral on the Internet, attracting more than 109,000 visits to CCRKBA's Facebook page in 24 hours, which was "simply astonishing," according to Chairman Alan Gottlieb.

"Piers Morgan has made a habit of demonizing and insulting American gun owners," Gottlieb observed in his bristling press release. "If he so dislikes the people who call this nation home, a nation that has twice rescued Great Britain and the world from war, then perhaps it is time for him to make good on his threat. There are flights leaving daily."

Morgan acknowledged in December that he loves the United States "as a second home and one that has treated me incredibly well." He told the *London Daily Mail* that he is the victim of an "ongoing war of verbal attrition in America" due to the gun rights debate. At the time, he suggested part of his problem is that he is British, "a breed of human being who burned down the White House in 1814 and had to be forcefully deported en masse."

Perhaps not coincidentally, Gottlieb's message to Morgan went out on April 18, the day before the 238th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord, which ignited the Revolutionary War. That was the day in 1775, Gottlieb recalled, "that the government sent troops to disarm the colonial militia."

"It was the first time on our soil that the government tried to enforce gun control and it did not work out too well for Mr. Morgan's ancestors," Gottlieb said. "Like the Redcoats of old, he wants to take modern sporting rifles and pistols away from Americans."

"Our forefathers sent a message to the British that day, that tyranny is not welcome on these shores," he continued. "Morgan's on-air demagoguery towards gun owners is a different type of tyranny, but it is no less unwelcome."

Morgan "has no business dictating how we should live," he noted. "In our 'Yank' vernacular," he observed, "he 'ain't from around here'."

"This country's armed citizens came to his country's aid twice in the past century," Gottlieb concluded, "and a lot of them died to protect Mr. Morgan's freedom. Since he voluntarily hinted at it last December, Morgan should take this opportunity to butt out."

GOTTLIEB PUTS CHECKS IN PERSPECTIVE FOR U.S. NEWS

When Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, was invited to submit an opinion about the proposed "universal background check" legislation pushed by anti-gun Sen. Charles Schumer and others, he quickly responded with a detailed explanation of what was wrong with the bill.

Noting that, "In Washington State earlier this year, we offered to support an expanded state background check proposal," he added, "but only if it included abolishment of the state's pistol registry.

"When that provision was removed from the bill, CCRKBA withdrew from negotiations," he wrote. "As a result, the bill died in committee."

Gottlieb encouraged Congress to "return to the drawing board" to craft a bill that would be acceptable without eroding anyone's Second Amendment rights. The Schumer proposal, he observed, went "far beyond the concept of simply clearing a law-abiding citizen for the purchase of a firearm and delves

into de facto gun registration and possibly criminalizing the simple act of loaning a gun to a friend."

The Op-Ed explained that under current federal law, background check information is destroyed after 24 hours, which is how it should be, he said.

"In addition to the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms," Gottlieb wrote, "gun owners also have a Fourth Amendment right to privacy, and any measure that would establish a permanent record of their firearms transactions is unacceptable. When the government creates a database, they use it, and not always for good purpose. If someone owns one or a dozen guns, to use and carry responsibly, it's nobody's business and certainly not the government's business."

The remark may have riled some people, but Gottlieb kept hammering.

"Pushing legislation with backdoor gun registration hiding in the small print does nothing to encourage

serious discussion with gun rights advocates or organizations," he said. "Millions of law-abiding citizens who have committed no crime, but only wish to exercise a constitutionally-protected civil right should not be treated like criminals or played for fools.

"Legislation that leaves gun owners vulnerable to privacy invasion by a snoop government is unwarranted and unnecessary," he concluded. "After all, this is still the United States, not a police state."



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GUN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON

It's not too early to start planning for this year's Gun Rights Policy Conference, scheduled Sept. 27-29 at the Marriott Hotel Houston Airport.

Cosponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the Second Amendment Foundation, this annual event brings together many of the leading gun rights advocates in the country.

The preliminary agenda for this year's event includes panel discussions about proposed bans on semiautomatic sporting rifles and their magazines, "smart gun" technology, federal and state legislative threats, policies established by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, concealed carry, gun show regulation, international and UN activities and recent Second Amendment-related court cases.

Please see the back page of *Point Blank* or visit ccrkba.org for more information and to sign up.

CALL TO ACTION

By Alan Gottlieb

There's an old maxim that says: "When governments fear the people, there is liberty. When people fear the government there is tyranny."

Unfortunately, the later more accurately describes our America of today.

Recent polling data shows for the first time ever, a majority of Americans believe the federal government threatens their rights and freedoms.

And you can probably say the same thing about your state government.

According to a recent Pew Research Center poll 53% of Americans believe the government is a threat. And three-in-ten Americans believe government constitutes a *major* threat. This data is collaborated by a number of other polls.

As President Obama and anti-gun Democrats from coast-to-coast have begun their legislative push for stricter gun control and a ban on popular semi-automatic firearms and standard capacity magazines. Sixty-two percent of those with a firearm in their home believe their rights are threatened.

A recent Rasmussen poll showed that 44% of all Americans think that the current proposals by the Administration and Democrat leadership to pass new gun control will **LIKELY** lead to confiscation.

And even Americans who don't feel threatened by Washington distrust the government and are frustrated with it.

The numbers are only getting worse as the anti-gunners continue to attack Second Amendment rights.

What do those pushing the anti-gun rights agenda really want as their end game?

Illinois Democratic Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky wants to make one thing very clear ... the attempt to ban so-called "assault weapons" is only the beginning of the planned attack on the Second Amendment.

Schakowsky made these comments to a reporter at the One Billion Rising Women's Rights Rally in February 2013.

Referring to the Sandy Hook tragedy as "a moment of opportunity," Schakowsky went on to say that "everything [is] on the table ... There's no question about it.

"We're on a roll now, and I think we've got to ... push as hard as we can and as far as we can."

When pressed on exactly what that meant, Schakowsky noted that her choice for the next ban would be handguns, followed by allowing individual communities to deny Second Amendment rights to those who live or travel within their boundaries.

Make no mistake about it ... it is the truth and it is the ultimate goal of the anti-gunners.

Representative Schakowsky isn't a newly-elected rookie. She is a member of the Democratic Party leadership, serving as Chief Deputy Whip. She helps shape the legislative plan for the Democrats in Congress.

Remember her words when you hear anti-gun Democrats parroting the party line that they "support the Second Amendment subject to reasonable restrictions" or when your Democrat friends constantly tell you that "no one wants to take away your guns."

They do want to take away your semi-auto rifle ... and they do want to take away your handgun.

And once they have taken those, then your single shot shotgun will suddenly become a "close quarters combat weapon" and they will take that too.

The only thing that stands in the way of these anti-gun Democrats is the opposition of a unified Republican party that controls the House of Representatives. Gun owners know who our friends are. So don't be surprised when the Democrats lose control of the United States Senate in 2014 just like they lost control of Congress in 1994 the last time they pushed gun control.

Anti-gun Democrats need to be reminded of this. In the 2014 mid-term elections, here are 33 seats up for election in the U.S. Senate. Twenty are now held by Democrats. Thirteen are in states with a strong pro-gun rights culture. Ten of those states voted for Romney.

Gun control is going to cost them Senate control. Anti-gun Democrats *never learn* from history. And we gun owners *never forget* history.

In Congress, we are seeing an assault on the Second Amendment like we have not seen decades. At the United Nations, there is no respect for our constitution or our sovereignty. In the courts, not a single Obama appointed judge has ruled in favor of our Second Amendment rights. And in the Court of public opinion the media is acting like judge, jury and executioner.

Add to that, the tens of millions of dollars that billionaire NY Mayor Michael Bloomberg is spending right now to steal your firearms freedom.

Our work cut out for us, we are up to the task and we will all stand proudly together.

CCRKBA CALLS FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS

"If politicians want universal background checks, we should start with them," said Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

He pointed to recent political scandals in the New York Legislature, which just passed a new restrictive gun control law, where a state senator and state assemblyman were arrested in early April, as "one small example."

"But look at politics in recent years," Gottlieb observed. "From state and federal scandals, to arrests involving several members of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, we have had example after embarrassing example of public officials being charged with violating various laws. Does anyone

think former Congressman Anthony Weiner, who had to quit his post over a lewd e-mail scandal, should clear a mental health screening to buy a gun?

"If you compare percentages," he continued, "the rate of criminal activity by politicians is probably far higher than the rate of crimes committed by the general public.

"What this underscores," he said, "is the reason gun laws don't work and never will. People who make the laws we have to live under break them anyway, just like criminals routinely disobey gun laws. Based on their own experience, politicians should know that the gun laws they pass will not prevent crime."

Gottlieb pointed to crooks like former Louisiana Congressman

Bill Jefferson, sent to prison after authorities found \$90,000 in his freezer during an investigation. He cited former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, now in prison for racketeering and extortion.

"It is both sad and disgraceful that the list goes on and on," Gottlieb said. "There are politicians with domestic violence problems, others who accepted bribes, some who stole money or were involved in other criminal acts.

"No wonder citizens are disgusted with politicians and don't trust them," he concluded, adding tongue-in-cheek, "And these people want to know why there's a run on guns and ammunition?"

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

Law-abiding gun owners won a major victory in mid-April with the resounding defeat of several anti-gun amendments to S. 649, the "Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act."

S. 649 is Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's flagship gun control bill, a consolidation of several bills filed in the Senate after the Newtown, Connecticut school shooting incident.

A handful of Democrats voted with Republicans to block an "assault weapon" ban, a high capacity magazine ban, and extremist "gun trafficking" regulations. It is no coincidence that most of these Democrats came from western or southern states, and most are up for reelection in 2014.

Pundits and public officials were quick to blame the "gun lobby" for the defeat, but reluctantly acknowledged it was the passion of gun owners all across the United States who applied sufficient pressure on elected Senators to swing the votes our way.

S. 649 is not dead. Majority Leader Reid simply halted action on the bill at this time. He has promised to bring it back when he thinks he has the votes to pass it, with the amendments he wants added.

The mid-April votes prove your calls, e-mails and letters DO make a difference. Gun grabbers have vowed to match that passion in a renewed push to pass as restrictive a bill as they can muster the votes for.

Do not let up. Continue contact with your Senators AND your Representative and politely but firmly ask that they remain opposed to passage of meaningless gun control measures. Senators admitted during the Senate floor debate that none would have had any real impact on incidents like Newtown. Contact information can be found at www.senate.gov, at www.house.gov, in the blue "government" pages of your telephone directory, or at www.ccrkba.org in the left margin under Congressional Information.

BLOOMBERG AIMS HIS MONEY AT GUN RIGHTS SUPPORTERS

“New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is probably the most formidable adversary the gun rights movement has ever had,” said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb.

The billionaire mayor is spending money from his 27 billion dollar personal fortune to defeat lawmakers who voted against gun ban proposals in the Senate such as the modern sporting rifles and standard capacity magazine bans and to prop up those who supported these measures.

Bloomberg’s first target is Democratic Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas who is facing a tough fight for re-election in 2014.

Pryor knows he’s a marked man. Whether he’s actually sweating it is the question. He’s said it before, and he’s saying it now: He doesn’t take gun advice from the mayor of New York City. He listens to Arkansas.

“I guess the way I look at it is it’s just another one of the outside

groups that’s going to try to come in,” he says. “I think, you know, honestly, that’s what’s wrong with politics today is all these outside groups come in and try to do that. But I can’t stop it from happening.”

Pryor was one of a few Democrats who voted against a proposal to ban modern sporting rifles, and Bloomberg, the founder of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, is trying to make sure Pryor pays. Bloomberg plans to pour money into months of TV ads, radio ads and mailings to defeat the Arkansas senator.

His group says it has spent \$12 million in the months since the Newtown, Conn., school shootings on field campaigns and commercials across the country.

Bloomberg will also be doling out money to help re-election campaigns of lawmakers who voted for gun bans — both Democrats and Republicans.

“Since 1994, when the first assault weapons ban passed, the Gun Rights Movement has been able to operate with almost no opposition that’s as well-funded, well-organized and intense as that of American right to keep and bear arms advocates,” added Gottlieb.

Another Senate target is likely to be Republican Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, who is facing re-election in 2016. Her predecessor, Judd Gregg, had voted to extend the assault weapons ban, so gun control groups see New Hampshire as a place to land another supporter.

It’s unclear when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid will bring up gun control legislation again. In the months ahead, Gabby Giffords’ group plans to keep the pressure on by urging constituents to call their lawmakers. President Obama’s political arm, Organizing for Action, is doing the same.



Gottlieb inspects the backlog of membership applications and donations to CCRKBA.

THANK YOU!

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms has received a record number of new members and contributors in the month of April.

“In fact, this has been the best April, said Alan Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman, “for fund-raising in the past 20 years. The response from American gun owners and right to keep and bear arms supporters is overwhelming.

“CCRKBA has been busier in the last four months on both state and federal levels than at anytime in my last 40 years as a gun rights activist,” he added.

INDIANA SHERIFF IS GUN RIGHTS DEFENDER

In the midst of this year's controversy over magazine bans and limits, one Indiana sheriff stepped forward to pop some myths regarding these accessories, and he did it on camera in a video that streaked all over cyberspace.

Boone County Sheriff Ken Campbell was not attempting to defend the Second Amendment, but he was interested in telling the truth. For a public official who puts facts ahead of causes, what the veteran lawman did was above and beyond.

The video, obtained by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms showed a series of shooting exercises involving an experienced male shooter and novice female. Sheriff Campbell demonstrated that shooters using smaller capacity magazines can fire just as fast, and in some cases even faster despite having to reload. The video was funded by ArmaLite and Campbell supervised the testing and shooting.

Sheriff Campbell told CCRKBA Communications Director Dave Workman that the video demonstration was filmed at the American Institute of Marksmanship near Cave City, Ky. Because of his background as an instructor and range master at the famous Gunsite Academy, Sheriff Campbell was recruited to provide a no-spin, matter-of-fact explanation of what is in the video.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb said that the 14-minute video "throws cold water on anti-gunners who argue that magazine limitations are necessary to prevent mass shootings. We are all indebted to ArmaLite for this informative effort."

No small amount of credit goes to Campbell for coming across the Ohio River to a Kentucky gun range, in uniform, to appear in the video.

The sheriff said he hoped that viewers would observe the exercise and its findings and conclude "there's some credibility there."

"They said they want to do this and be non-partisan about it," Sheriff Campbell explained to Workman, "and let the data speak for itself."

But what Sheriff Campbell said next underscores why he is being recognized this month as a Gun Rights Defender.

"I'm an office holder," he explained. "I'm not a department head. A chief of police serves at the pleasure of a mayor and the chief needs to do what the mayor says. I answer to the voters every four years."

Sheriff Campbell notes in the video that, "One of the reasons that the magazine restrictions are being proposed is the perception that if the active shooter has fewer bullets in magazines he will have to reload sooner and this will create an opportunity for someone to tackle him during the reload."

The video corrects that misimpression, and Sheriff Campbell helped put the myth to all of the anti-gun rhetoric.

CCRKBA'S GOTTLIEB SPEAKS IN MA, IL & OR

Citizens' Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Chairman Alan Gottlieb spoke at a pro-gun rights rally April 3 which was held on the Boston Common and according drew nearly 1,000 people. Gottlieb was one of speakers at the event.

Gottlieb made a number of comments, as reported by MassLive.com. Gottlieb suggested the state was a "battleground" on gun rights and indicated more needs to be done to address criminal misuse of firearms.

"We need to devote our resources to the less than 1 percent of people

who misuse firearms and other weapons and not spend all our resources attacking the 99 percent who don't break laws," he said.

CCRKBA's chief criticized anti-gun proposals being pushed by Massachusetts' anti-gun Governor Deval Patrick, and questioned what the end game was for anti-gunners.

Gottlieb said, "Their goal is to get rid of all firearms in America and we understand that, we realize that and were not going to tolerate it."

The rally, sponsored by a pro-gun group in Massachusetts, was held just hours after neighboring Connecticut

passed into law sweeping gun restrictions, all proposed in the wake of the tragic Sandy Hook school shooting.

From there, he flew to Chicago, where he was the speaker at the annual banquet for the Illinois State Rifle Association. He discussed gun rights court cases against the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois, and looked at what gun owners are facing legally and legislatively.

Later in the month, he traveled to Oregon, where he spoke at a gun rights banquet in Multnomah County.



QUICK SHOTS

From the only cops should have guns file comes an item out of Virginia, where an officer is in trouble for what he forgot when he finished using a department store dressing room.

The Associated Press reported April 3 that a sheriff's deputy in Norfolk was disciplined by superiors after he left his loaded gun inside the men's dressing room at a Macy's department store.

Officials did not ID the deputy or indicate why he was there to begin with, but told the AP that he told the store as soon as he realized what he had forgot when he left.



It has been a long time since one Spokane, WA, resident had a need for a firearm. It came in handy for her the night of April 3, as she used one to stop a burglar in his tracks.

The *Spokesman-Review* newspaper reported the woman confronted the alleged intruder in her kitchen and warned him she was armed. She ultimately fired one shot, but missed; however, she was able to hold the suspect at gunpoint until police showed up and arrested him.

The paper reported the alleged crook was charged with two counts of burglary; he was also suspected in a break-in at a nearby business.



Alabama's state Senate passed by a wide margin April 4 a bill that would help gun owners who want to

carry their guns while on their way to work.

The Associated Press reported the bill would enable employees to store their firearms in their vehicles while at their jobs, and also create a new permit which would enable gun owners to keep a firearm in their car full-time.

The bill, reports the AP, is now in the state's House for its review.



Missouri voters could soon have an opportunity to support the right to bear arms at the polls, thanks to a recent state Senate vote.

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to pass SJR14, reported the Associated Press. SJR14 would change the state's constitution and would recognize the right of the state's citizens to keep and bear arms for personal defense as "unalienable".

The AP reported that if the House passes this, it would be submitted to voters.



It appears that proposals regarding gun rights in the Nebraska state legislature have stalled.

The Associated Press reported that nearly a dozen bills concerning firearms that were proposed, among them ones dealing with juveniles' access to guns and assertion of the state's right to supersede federal gun control, appear to be stuck in the Judiciary Committee, with no sign of any of them moving to the floor for full debate. The primary reason

for that, according to the AP, is that the measures haven't been given priority over other bills.



A business owner in Oroville, CA, had been for the past few months dealing with repeated burglaries at his business.

KOVR-TV in Sacramento reported the businessman, Darin Fowler, decided to camp out at his business overnight April 6 with a firearm at his side, and sure enough, the crook broke in again, and was in the process of stealing more merchandise from Fowler's outdoor equipment business when Fowler stopped the crook cold with his gun. According to the station, police were called and arrested the suspect, and a second man was later also arrested in relation to the alleged thefts.



Las Vegas has seen its share of the strange over the years, and this latest gun tale from there certainly fits the script.

The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported that a well-known attorney who specializes in traffic-related infractions found himself in trouble with the law after cops caught him trying to enter the downtown courthouse with a loaded handgun.

The attorney, reported the paper, did not have a concealed carry permit, so that likely will only add to his trouble, which at the moment is just one felony charge of carrying a concealed firearm.



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The full roster of GRPC 2013 speakers has not been set. Past speakers include Alan Gottlieb, Joseph Tartaro, Eugene Volokh, Wayne LaPierre, Michael Reagan, Larry Elder, Bob Barr, John Fund, John Lott, Dave Kopel, Sandy Froman, Massad Ayoob, Tom Gresham, Alan Gura, G. Gordon Liddy, Larry Pratt, Alan Korwin, Emily Miller and many others. Check our websites – www.ccrkba.org or www.saf.org for updates.

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