

## Ariana Costa

---

**From:** peter Hewett <phewett43@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2025 1:22 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Cc:** jessicaforri@128354706milchimpapp.com  
**Subject:** Pending 2nd Amendment legislation

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I consider myself a mature and responsible American patriot. I love my country and served it and our constitution honorably for 28 years in the United States Navy. I oppose any effort by the general assembly to further infringe on the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms - aka firearms. Among the many reasons I could cite for my position, I choose to quote Dana Loesch, who expressed her support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment this way - "The Second Amendment ensures that we have that choice, a choice not given to us by a government, but a choice protected from government. That which government gives can be taken away, which is precisely why the Founders never enshrined the authority over gun rights within the often weak, easily influenced dominion of man. That authority, the authority to choose to lawfully carry or not to carry, is an individual choice. My holster, my choice. Let's protect it."

I would only add to Ms. Loesch's reasoning the fact that our Bill of Rights, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment, are among those unalienable natural rights endowed by our Creator. They are not given to man by governments, such as our general assembly, and therefore must not be infringed in any way by government. The Founders chose to structure this amendment in command imperative language - the right of the people to keep and bear arms **shall** not be infringed.

I would also note that our own state constitution states this right even more clearly and declaratively by stating that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

I submit this email to express my strong feelings and beliefs in support of maintaining the integrity of the 2nd amendment as intended by the Founders, as I may not be able to attend the hearings before this committee on March 26.

Respectfully,

Peter Hewett  
Bristol