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The Right To Bear Arms

“You know why there is a Second Amendment? In case the Government fails to follow the first one.” Talk show host Rush Limbaugh made this remark because the Amendments were written in order of importance. The right to bear arms is a fundamental freedom that directly impacts my life.

The Second Amendment says that, “ A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” This passage means that Congress and the government can not take away the right for a state to have defense, and give people the right to own guns. According to Cornell University Law School’s website, “ Under this “individual right theory,” the United States Constitution restricts legislative bodies from prohibiting firearm possession or at the very least, the Amendment renders prohibitory and restrictive regulation presumptively unconstitutional.” The government can not be restrictive on the rights of the people to own or possess guns. The statement also means that there will be no restriction on the ability to have a state’s own self-defense, which also relates to the ability to possess firearms.

The Second Amendment relates to me personally because in my family we like to collect old firearms and use new ones. Antique gun shows are one of our favorite activities. In addition,

owning guns is beneficial for hunting. Hunting is enjoyable, takes skill and it can help control invasive species while helping to supply food. Hunting is one thing that my family and I do sometimes around our property. This would not be possible without the second amendment saying that "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms...". Another reason that owning firearms is valuable is self defense. If someone tries to hurt me or my family, a gun could be useful. A third reason that the right to bear arms is important is practicing using guns. This is important because it needs to be accurate when they hunt or for pleasure, target shooting is beneficial and enjoyable. The final reason why the right to bear arms is important is state militia. Which relies heavily on the firearms which they are allowed to bear because of the Second Amendment.

The Second Amendment states that the government cannot take away the right to bear arms. Guns are a significant part of my life and my families' life. "The Beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it." Thomas Jefferson.