

SHARE:

[Join Our Email List](#)



January 27, 2025



The firearms industry congregated in Las Vegas, NV this last week for Shot Show. Shot Show is the largest firearm's business to business show and is organized by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

The mood was rather positive as, at a federal level, the Trump administration seems as if it will largely be "pro-gun" and "pro-business", which *should* prove to be positive for all liberty loving self-sufficient people. However, when talking to folks about their own state level politics, the moods were as varied as colors of lights on the Vegas strip.

Not every state has their own "state level" 2nd Amendment. The PA Constitution Article 1 is the Declaration of Rights and Section 21 is Pennsylvania's state level version of the 2A.

Pennsylvania's, Article 1 Section 21 is very clear:

§ 21. Right to bear arms.

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

SHALL NOT BE QUESTIONED! Seems clear enough.

Unfortunately, many at all levels of government cannot read, or they are a little foggy about what "shall not be questioned" means.

So far, only a few weeks into the 2025-2026 session, there are 5 anti-gun bills proposed in the PA Senate and 1 in the PA House that



we are looking at closely. Considering the pro-gun majority in the PA Senate, these bills are less likely to move to a floor vote, however, we must pay attention and speak out against them. Let us look at the anti-gun Senate bills and who are behind them.

SB39 Criminalizes Possession and Carry in “Recreation Areas”

10 sponsors: Vincent Hughes (D); Timothy Kearney (D); Carolyn Comitta (D); Sharif Street (D); Wayne Fontana (D); Arthur Haywood (D); Jay Costa (D); John Kane (D); Christine Tartaglione (D); Nikil Saval (D)

SB43 Changing the Definition of “Frame or Receiver” to Include Partially Manufactured Kits

11 sponsors: Vincent Hughes (D); Carolyn Comitta (D); Timothy Kearney (D); Wayne Fontana (D); Judy Schwank (D); Sharif Street (D); Jay Costa (D); Arthur Haywood (D); John Kane (D); Christine Tartaglione (D); Patty Kim (D)

SB47 Holding a Seller of a Firearm (Private or Commercial) Accountable for the Actions of the Buyers.

8 sponsors: Vincent Hughes (D); Timothy Kearney (D); Carolyn Comitta (D); Sharif Street (D); Arthur Haywood (D); Jay Costa (D); John Kane (D); Christine Tartaglione (D)

SB121 Establishing and Funding a Gun Violence Research Center

11 sponsors: Vincent Hughes (D); Carolyn Comitta (D); Judy Schwank (D); Sharif Street (D); Timothy Kearney (D); Jay Costa (D); Arthur Haywood (D); John Kane (D); Christine Tartaglione (D); Nicholas Miller (D); Nikil Saval (D)

SB148 Mandatory Training for PA License to Carry and Firearm

11 sponsors: Vincent Hughes (D); Carolyn Comitta (D); Wayne Fontana (D); Sharif Street (D); Timothy Kearney (D); Arthur Haywood (D); Jay Costa (D); John Kane (D); Christine Tartaglione (D); Judy Schwank (D); Patty Kim (D)

ALL of these bills will do NOTHING to save lives. They will only endanger the lives of those that choose to arm themselves for the purpose of defending themselves and those that they love. These laws will empower criminals and endanger law abiding citizens.

Notice the names of these sponsors. Hughes, Comitta, Fontana, Street, Haywood, Kane, Tartaglione, Schwank, Costa, Kearney, Saval, Nicholas Miller, and Patty Kim are the who's-who of the anti-gun / anti-liberty / anti-YOU elected class. Their solution to rampant criminal activity is to restrict YOU.... Not the criminals.



Were you aware that in 2024, more than 40,000 9-11 calls WENT UNANSWERED! Yes.... you heard right. More than 40,000 calls were made to ask for help from the government and not only did they not come, NOBODY answered the phone. Believing that government will protect you is a flawed as believing that government will let you slide this year on your taxes.

Imagine someone kicking down your door and the last thing you hear as you and your family are murdered is the phone ringing... and ringing,... and ringing.... And ringing..... We are on our own and the PA Constitution empowers us by restricting the government.

§ 21. Right to bear arms.

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

Article 1 Section 21 is in place to stop the elected class from QUESTIONING your ability to arm yourself for defense against criminals and the very government who seeks to restrict YOU. Yet, when you look at the bills sponsored by Hughes, Comitta, Fontana, Street, Haywood, Kane, Tartaglione, Schwank, Costa, Kearney, Saval, Nicholas Miller, and Patty Kim, one can only deduce that there is some MAJOR questioning going on. Ya gotta wonder... who are these people working for?

You are a gun owner. You choose to take on the responsibility to protect yourself and those that you love by arming yourself. Make no mistakes, gun control bills are YOU-CONTROL bills. Anti-gun legislation is ANTI-YOU legislation. Remember this on election day and vote accordingly. We have till election day to educate the constituents of these elected class tyrants so that they too can vote accordingly.

FOAC-Institute Has a New Domain Address!

WWW.2APA.ORG

Don't worry, www.foac-illea.org is still our domain name, but if you type www.2aPA.org into your interweb machine you will be directed to the FOAC-Institute site. This is MUCH easier to share and remember when spreading the word about Firearms Owners Against Crime. Get out and spread the word!

How You Can Help FOAC Institute in 2025



By Stephen LaSpina, FOAC-Institute
Eastern PA Director

Many of us are encouraged by the outcomes of the November elections, particularly at the Federal level. Voters across the country appeared to reject insanity up and down the ballot.

It is only natural to breathe a sigh of relief and even pause to celebrate. But the temptation we must reject is believing we can simply coast off the fumes of an electoral victory. A battle may have been won, but the war is far from over, especially at the state level in Pennsylvania.

As citizens, we must not sit back and stand idle ourselves. This is precisely how we lost so much ground before. We the People must lean in and support elected officials who defend freedom and oppose the ones who attack it.

Here are some things you can personally do this year to help the mission of FOAC Institute:

- Upgrade or renew your membership. This is an easy one to take care of, and it makes a difference. There is power in numbers. We are stronger together.
- Ask two friends to join the organization. If you're able, consider gifting them the membership. Do you want to frustrate anti-gun politicians in Harrisburg? Help us double the size of FOAC.
- Pay close attention to our call-to-action emails. Our President watches proposed legislation on a daily basis. We are also in the middle of multiple lawsuits against those who would infringe on your right to keep and bear arms. There are times we need a hand from all our members. Fear not; we will give you the resources you need to help all of us be successful!

Do you have some time and talent(s) you could donate to the cause? There is much to do and fewer than you may think to do it. Even a small weekly or monthly commitment can help us meet our goals and defend freedom. We will have new volunteer opportunities available soon, so keep an eye out for those!

The Lay of the Land in Harrisburg



By Jim Stoker, FOAC-Institute President

Understanding the political environment can be challenging. There is nobody in the 2A movement that wants to see Pennsylvania adopt Constitutional carry more than me. We'd all be neck and neck at the front of that line pushing for what we know is best for our fellow citizens and our families. We'd all love to see strengthening preemption go through, regardless of whether it is the House or the Senate that pushes it. We'd all love to see the mental health system fixed instead of being used

as leverage to attack our rights to bear arms. And I think we would all love to see an end to the seemingly endless parade of do-nothing anti-gun agenda driven bills that do nothing to stop crime or save lives but constantly push us to the defense of what "shall not be questioned".

Sadly, we do not live in those times. We have a strong opposition basing their attacks on fear and lies to sell the moderate voting soccer mom that guns are evil and we can stop evil people if we just take away a tool they use in a small percentage of their violence. Gun control is a multi-billion-dollar business that isn't about saving lives but IS about raising money and votes. The Constitution

and the founding of our nation lay largely forgotten beneath the fears of misinformed citizens.

We didn't do great this past election cycle. Yes, at the national level pro-gun folks made great gains, but at the state level not so much. We are fortunate that we did get a pro-gun rights attorney general in Dave Sunday, but otherwise we remain on shaky ground. Down ballot voting did not pan out so well and the anti-gun crowd used scare tactics about abortion and other hot topics to stay one seat up in the House. We didn't lose pro-gun legislators in the House the way some experts feared, but we didn't secure it away from the anti-gun legislators either. We stayed, more or less, status quo.

That means we continue to fight. We must fight with an understanding of what expectations to have. The anti-gun agenda controls the House and the governor's seat. So, while they cannot press their will in defeating our Constitution past the Senate, we, also, cannot push our liberty loving restoration of our God given rights past them in the House or office of the governor. Trying to force it may result in losing ground rather than gaining, and we have to be smart as to what wins the war more than what wins small popularity contests. We have to be creative. We have to meet with the Game Commission to pursue strong gun rights policies there. We have to meet with AG Sunday and discuss the attorney general's role in enforcing the preemption statute against would be tyrants in small fiefdoms across the Commonwealth. And we have to raise funds to use litigation when necessary to straighten out those same violators when the Constitution demands it.

There is still plenty we can do. We will continue to fight for the rights of our fellow Pennsylvanians, making sure we are a voice that stops the anti-gun agenda being pushed upon our general assembly. And there is a lot we can still accomplish outside of those walls. Adapt. Improvise. Overcome. Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"



FIREARMS OWNERS AGAINST CRIME

Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
Pennsylvania's Preeminent Pro-Gun / Anti-Crime Organization
www.2APA.org

**LIBERTY
BELLE
GUN BASH**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 22, 2025
1PM-630PM**

Tickets:
www.foac-illea.org/Gun-Bash

Images and prices are not to scale. Gun images may vary slightly from those listed on the tickets.

Tickets are \$50 each. 1000 Tickets are printed.
Gun Bash is held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, PA, 15301
Purchase tickets from the FOAC-ILLEA website
Small Games of Chance License #09413 Special Raffle Permit #00390
All firearms supplied by Ace Sporting Goods Inc. and purchased by FOAC-ILLEA
For complete rules, regulations and other information visit the FOAC-ILLEA Website
Facebook: FOAC 2025 Spring Gun Bash Saturday March 22, 2025

Gun Bash Tickets are ON SALE NOW!

The 2025 Spring Gun Bash tickets are on sale NOW! The bash's (Spring and Fall) are FOAC's main fundraising events and help us to fight to protect the individual rights and liberties of all Pennsylvanians. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, freedom, and fellowship. Main tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased by **CLICKING HERE**.

What: FOAC-Institute 2025 Spring Gun Bash

Where: Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, PA

When: Saturday March 22nd, 2025, from 1PM till 6PM

Time P.M.	Prize	Time P.M.	Prize
2:00	Colt Python .357 Mag 8 inch	4:20	Sig 1911 X Mat .45 ACP
2:15	S&W 1854 .44 Mag ST	4:30	Hellcat 3 inch Micro-Compact 9mm
2:30	Springfield SA-35 9mm	4:40	S&W M&P10 7.62x51
2:45	CMMG Resolute 300 5.56mm	4:50	Ruger PC Carb 9mm
3:00	FN 509 Tact 9mm	5:00	S&W 642 Airweight CT .38 SPL
3:15	Ruger Mini-14 A-Team 5.56mm	5:10	HK VP9L 9mm
3:30	Glock 43X MOS 9mm	5:20	S&W Response 9mm
3:45	S&W M&P 15 Sport II 5.56mm	5:30	Colt M4 Carbine 7.62x39
4:00	Ruger RXM 9mm	5:40	S&W 460XVR .460 S&W Mag
4:10	Shadow Systems MR920 ELT 9mm	5:50	Springfield M1A Scout .308 - Runner up grand prize
Grand Prize			
Time P.M.	Prize		
6:00	FN Scar 17S NRCH 7.62mm		

Get your tickets now while they last!!!!

Articles to Check Out!

Maher Calls Out Those Celebrating Insurance CEO's Murder over Anti-Gun Hypocrisy

Guns Don't Kill People. Canada Kills People.

Good Bye White House Gun Control Office: We'll Never Miss Ya!

For Pardoned J6 Defendants From PA, A New Nightmare Might Be Looming

Hearing Protection Act Returns to Floor of Congress

Giffords Uses Palisades Fire to Attack GOP Efforts to End ATF

Pennsylvania Gun Show Bill Incredibly Invasive for Everyone

Appeals Court Upholds Prohibition on People Under Indictment Buying Guns

Appellate Court Confirms Young Adults Have Second Amendment Rights



Visit FOAC-Institute at the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, February 1-9, 2025

Come visit us at the FOAC-Institute booth at the Great American Outdoor Show. **We are in the Shooting Sports Hall at booth #786.** If you visited us last year we are in the same location.

FOAC-Institute Vice President, Klint Macro will be presenting seminars on Thursday-Sunday February 7-9. We look forward to seeing you at the show!



Klint Macro
 Firearm Series
 February 7-9

Friday, February 7, 2025

2:00 PM	3:00 PM	How To Train To Be Your Own Family First Responder	Seminar Room 3	Klint	Macro
---------	---------	--	----------------	-------	-------

Saturday, February 8, 2025

3:30 PM	4:30 PM	How To Train To Be Your Own Family First Responder	Seminar Room 3	Klint	Macro
---------	---------	--	----------------	-------	-------

Sunday, February 9, 2025

1:00 PM	2:30 PM	How To Train To Be Your Own Family First Responder	Seminar Room 2	Klint	Macro
---------	---------	--	----------------	-------	-------

FOAC-Institute Events

FOAC-Institute presents Concealed Carry Seminars with Pro-Liberty Elected Officials, works with County Sheriffs at Satellite License to Carry Events, provides information tables at Gun Shows, and organizes for Pro-2A Rallies, gun bashes, and special events. To see the most up-to-date schedule of FOAC-Institute events and meetings, **[CLICK HERE](#)**.



Firearms Owners Against Crime Institute

Accomplishments



FOAC Institute was born from goals of the original Firearms Owners Against Crime Political Action Committee. The organization outgrew the original construction and needed to branch off in a new direction to pursue new goals dedicated more to education, legislation, and litigation to preserve our Article I, Section 21 rights to keep and bear arms.

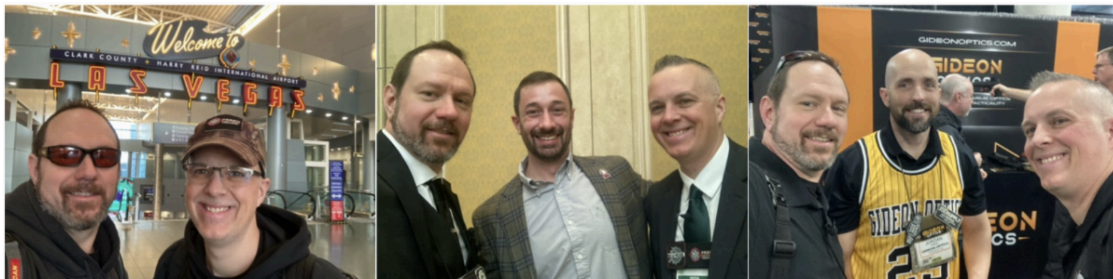
We are the premier 2A organization your pro-gun legislators hear and trust in Harrisburg!

Since the founding of Firearms Owners Against Crime, the organization has succeeded on numerous fronts and pro-2nd Amendment issues:

- Authoring "Castle Doctrine" in Pennsylvania
- Providing pro-gun legislators argument for floor debates in Harrisburg!
- Forcing the PSP to correct delays in the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (FOAC-ILLEA, et al v. PSP Commissioner Evanchick)
- Defeating numerous municipal and city ordinances whose mere existence violates the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (too many to list on one page)
- Correcting the Attorney General's office failures to provide timely hearings to citizens denied their rights (FOAC-ILLEA, et al v. AG Shapiro)
- Unlawful zoning restrictions against license firearms dealers (FOAC, et al v. Lower Merion Township)
- Helping confirm the Constitutionality of Preemption in Pennsylvania (Crawford v. Commonwealth)
- License to carry firearms as a lawful purpose on school property preventing unjust persecution of citizens (Commonwealth v. Goslin)
- Shutting down the City of Pittsburgh "assault weapons ban" against modern day sporting rifles (FOAC, et al v. City of Pittsburgh)
- Stopping multiple city ordinances stripping the rights of Pennsylvania citizens (FOAC, et al v. City of Harrisburg)
- Working with Pennsylvania sheriffs to correct illegal information demands by PSP on license to carry firearms applications
- Making it legal to hunt certain game with semi-auto rifles (Act 168)
- Helping countless Commonwealth citizens defend and/or restore their rights wrongfully infringed
- Stopping efforts to create a gun registry in Pennsylvania, including electronic records mandates
- Stopping efforts to ban "multi-burst" triggers (incl. bump stocks and binaries)
- Stopping bans on privately manufactured firearms (incl. the mythical "Ghost Guns")
- Stopping prohibitions on law abiding citizens carrying for self-defense on their way to courts
- Stopping efforts to mandate training
- Stopping efforts to mandate reporting of lost or stolen firearms
- Stopping efforts to mandate all firearms be locked up at all times (mandatory storage)
- Stopping efforts to create a national gun registry (universal background checks)
- Stopping efforts to require a license to purchase firearms
- Stopping efforts to require a license to purchase or to ban ammunition
- Stopping efforts to restrict standard magazines under the myth of "high capacity" magazines
- Stopping efforts to restrict purchases of firearms or instill "waiting periods"
- Teaching over sixty-gun rights and responsibilities classes per year all across the Commonwealth
- Sponsoring the annual Gun Makers' Match, supporting private manufacture of firearms
- Great American Outdoor Show and numerous local gun shows in Washington, Pa. and Oaks, Pa.

All in addition to publishing white pages, talking points, media appearances, bi-weekly newsletters, blogs, aligning industry partners, influencing elections, two gun bash fundraisers, and fourteen legal actions in 2024 alone.

In Closing



Left to Right: Klint and Matt, Klint and Matt with Pennsylvanian Adam Kraut, Klint and Matt with Pennsylvanian Jordan Vinroe

This last week, I attended Shot Show in fabulous Las Vegas, NV with my **Meet the Pressers** co-host, Matt Mallory (Meet The Pressers is sponsored by

FOAC-Institute). Shot Show is an awe-inspiring event that covers every aspect of the firearms industry and is housed in hall after hall after hall.... 100's of thousands of square feet of gun stuff.

While there, Matt and I conducted dozens of interviews, and I was able to further the FOAC-Institute industry partner program.

Traveling home, a delay caused my luggage to miss the connector flight. When I arrived in Pittsburgh my bag was still in Houston, TX. The baggage office assured me that the airline would deliver my luggage to my home the next day. I received a confirmation number and headed home.

The next day, I received a call explaining to me that because my luggage contained a firearm, I would have to come BACK to the airport and get it myself. They were "unable" to deliver the bag to my house. The woman explained that it is "company policy" that bags containing firearms cannot be delivered by their employees. Unless this is a very new policy, I know that this was incorrect.... It had to be made up. I travel A LOT and have had bags delivered to my home, and to the hotel where I was staying. This person was imposing independent regulation. If I had camera equipment, a chainsaw, Ginsu knife set, bottles of rat poison, or bear traps in my luggage, it would not have been an issue. At that point they would simply deliver my property, a locked pelican road case.



Too often, gun owners are treated like 2nd class citizens. We are forced to "sit at the back of the bus". We must fill out forms that nobody else does. We are required to pay taxes that others do not. We must face government scrutiny that others do not. We are forced to jump through hoops and held to a higher standard because we are gun owners.

Why is this?

The government often seeks to divide the populus along racial, sexual, economic, and social guidelines. As a divided people we are easier to control. The government often discourages self-sufficiency. A self-sufficient citizen has no need for government and is equipped to throw off the chains of tyranny.

Why do our fellow Citizens seek to disarm us?

Fear and Ignorance... both of which the government facilitates.

Let us take every opportunity as ambassadors of Article 1 Section 21 to educate and empower our fellow citizens. Teach them that our individual, God given, self-evident rights are bestowed to us by a higher power than government. The Constitution restricts the government from infringing upon our rights. All Pennsylvanians (even if they choose not to) have the right to arm themselves for defense.

An armed and educated citizenry is the true check and balance in our Constitutional Republic and the ultimate homeland security. Elected officials

and fellow citizens have nothing to fear from responsibly armed and educated gun owners. However, criminals and tyrants beware.

Stay armed and BE well regulated!

Klint Macro
FOAC-Institute VP



**Pennsylvania's
Preeminent
Pro Gun
Organization**



www.FOAC-ILLEA.org

FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight for the hearts and minds of our fellow Pennsylvanians to promote individual liberties and freedoms. We are steadfast and resolute and dedicated to protecting our Constitution and advancing the cause of the 2nd Amendment and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution.

FOAC-Institute's educational efforts are expanding across the Commonwealth. FOAC-ILLEA volunteers are teaching more concealed carry classes each month and additional virtual education events are forthcoming.

FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight in the courts. Whether this means new litigation to challenge local tyrants, fight the bureaucrats that make it harder for Pennsylvanians to exercise their most basic rights, or the funding of amicus briefs to support others who are already involved in court battles, we are actively helping to establish case law that will help advance the cause of liberty.

FOAC-Institute volunteers research proposed legislation, consult with experts, and offer advice to elected officials about legislation as well as educate the public on the strength or folly of legislation that could have lasting positive or negative effects upon our liberty and the liberty of our children.

I urge you to help me spread the word about FOAC-Institute. **Share this newsletter and the website with your sphere of influence.** Get a fellow gun owner to join FOAC-Institute.

[Sign up for membership HERE.](#)
[Contact your Legislators HERE.](#)
[Read previous newsletters HERE.](#)

The **FOAC-Institute website** is a wealth of information. Track current legislation, contact legislators and elected officials, look up gun laws, read easy to understand synopsis' on stand your ground, castle doctrine, and legal use of force. Keep up to date with current gun related news. There is all this and more on the **FOAC-Institute website**.

Get involved!

If you have read this entire newsletter and made it here to this statement... you are already interested and vested.

Donate your time, your talents, or your treasure. VOTE pro-2A and get your friends to vote pro-2A as well. **Become a member** and get your friends to become a member. If you are already a member, consider "**upping your membership**" to a higher level. **Volunteer** to help at the bash. **Volunteer** to join a committee to send emails, write letters, make phone calls... NOW IS THE TIME TO DO. DON'T PUT IT OFF. **"We the People" have been sitting on the sidelines too long.**

An Armed and Educated Citizenry is the true check and balance in our Constitutional Republic and the ultimate homeland security.

FOAC-ILLEA | 514 Millers Run Rd P.O. Box 308 Pennsylvania's Preeminent Pro-Gun / Anti-Crime Organization | Morgan, PA 15064 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Our Privacy Policy](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!