



Federal Judge Nullifies California Law Requiring Background Checks to Buy Ammo

US District Court Judge Roger Benitez nullified a California law requiring citizens to pass background checks before they can purchase ammunition. The judge wrote: "Maintaining Second Amendment rights are especially important in times like these. Keeping vigilant is necessary in both bad times and good, for if we let these rights lapse in the good times, they might never be recovered in time to resist the next appearance of criminals, terrorists, or tyrants." -GEG

A federal judge has shot down a California law requiring citizens to pass background checks before they are allowed to purchase ammunition.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Benitez in San Diego called the state's law "onerous and convoluted" before he granted a preliminary injunction in favor of a lawsuit filed by the California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) and six-time Olympic medalist shooting champion Kim Rhode, NBC News reported.

Californians voted for Proposition 63 in 2016, thereby banning "high-capacity magazines" and mandating background checks for ammunition sales.

The checks have been in effect since July of 2019.

Benitez issued his 120-page opinion on the ruling on Thursday, according to the Associated Press.

“The experiment has been tried. The casualties have been counted. California’s new ammunition background check law misfires and the Second Amendment rights of California citizens have been gravely injured,” he wrote.

“In this action, Plaintiffs seek a preliminary injunction enjoining California’s onerous and convoluted new laws requiring ammunition purchase background checks and implementing ammunition anti-importation laws,” Benitez said, according to NBC News.

He argued that background checks negatively affect legal ammunition buyers, but that they essentially do nothing to stop criminals from getting their hands on rounds.

“Criminals, tyrants and terrorists don’t do background checks,” the judge noted.

The coronavirus pandemic also serves as a reminder for why the right to bear arms is paramount, he continued.

“Presently, California and many other states sit in isolation under pandemic-inspired stay-at-home orders,” Benitez wrote, according to The Washington Free Beacon. “Schools, parks, beaches, and countless non-essential businesses are closed. Courts are limping by while police make arrests for only the more serious crimes.”

“Maintaining Second Amendment rights are especially important in times like these. Keeping vigilant is necessary in both bad times and good, for if we let these rights lapse in the good times, they might never be recovered in time to resist the next appearance of criminals, terrorists, or tyrants,” the judge opined.

CRPA President Chuck Michel praised Benitez’ decision in a

statement on Thursday.

“This is a devastating blow to the anti-gun-owner advocates who falsely pushed Prop 63 in the name of safety,” Michel wrote. “In truth, red tape and the state’s disastrous database errors made it impossible for hundreds of thousands of law-abiding Californians to purchase ammunition for sport or self-defense.”

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Protesters Take Over Las Vegas Strip as 8,000 Citizens Tell the Governor to Reopen Nevada

Nevada: Radio host Wayne Allyn Root organized ‘America’s First Interactive Drive-thru Caravan’ on the Las Vegas strip to reopen the state. Police estimate that 8,000 citizens participated. Out of a Nevada population of 3-million, only 200 people have died from COVID-19, but Governor Sisolak is not impressed, either by the statistics or the demonstration. He says his lockdown order could extend through June – or later. -GEG

A protest caravan took over the Las Vegas strip on Friday calling on Democrat Governor Sisolak to reopen Nevada.

The protest dubbed 'America's First Interactive Drive-thru Caravan' was organized by conservative radio host and friend of The Gateway Pundit, Wayne Allyn Root.

Wayne Root said police told him they estimated 8,000 people attended the protest.

The demonstrators drove down the strip demanding businesses reopen after only 200 Coronavirus deaths in the entire state of more than 3 million people.

Governor Sisolak however has no plans to reopen Nevada and suggested his lockdown order could extend through June – and even longer!

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Chicago Official CONFIRMS CDC Plot for Mass Vaccination!!

Dr. Allison Arwady took over Chicago's Public Health Department in January and now is on the front line of Chicago's response to COVID-19. During a press conference last week she said that Chicago's health department is "moving

towards this mass vaccination campaign” and they have already bought the syringes for the vaccines. -GEG



Illinois COVID-19 Task Force Admits the Numbers Are Seriously Rigged

Illinois Department of Public Health Director, Dr. Ngozi Ezike, says that ANYONE who dies after testing positive for the virus is classified as having died from the coronavirus.

“If you were in hospice and had already been given a few weeks to live, and then you also were found to have COVID, that would be counted as a COVID death. It means that if, technically, even if you died of a clear alternate cause, but you had COVID at the same time, it’s still listed as a COVID death. So, everyone who’s listed as a COVID death doesn’t mean that that was the cause of the death, but they had COVID at the time of the death.” That’s what she said. -GEG



Meat Processing Plants Close After Workers Test Positive for COVID-19. Food Shortages expected.

Governments are ignoring the breakdown of food supply chains under the COVID-19 lockdown. Food used to move from farmers to consumers but, now, distribution is consolidated. Almost all meat in the US is produced on factory farms called Concentrated Agriculture Feeding Organizations (CAFOs). The three largest meat-producing conglomerates in the US control more than two-thirds the total meat and poultry supply of the US. Now they are closing their plants due to workers testing positive for coronavirus (using tests that produce more than 80% false-positive results). -GEG

Over the past decades the organization of the entire world food supply from farm to consumers has been reorganized into a globalized distribution known as agribusiness. With most of the world in lockdown over the fears of spread of the coronavirus disease, COVID-19, that global food supply chain is in danger of catastrophic breakdown. The consequences of that would dwarf deaths by coronavirus by orders of magnitude. Yet governments seem oblivious.

The imposition of unprecedented mass quarantine, school and restaurant closings, factory closings across most of the world is putting the focus on the alarming vulnerability of what is

a global food supply chain to severe breakdown. Before the lockdown an estimated 60% of all food consumed in the United States today was consumed outside the home. That includes in restaurants, fast food places, schools, in university cafeterias, company cafeterias and the like. That has now been all but shut since March, creating huge disruptions to what had been a well-organized supply chain delivery. Large restaurants or company cafeterias receive supplies of everything from butter to meat in entirely different volumes and packing than a retail supermarket. A major vulnerability exists in the mammoth agribusiness concentrations known as CAFOs or Concentrated Agriculture Feeding Organizations.

CAFOs At Risk

On April 12, one of the largest pork processing plants in the USA, Smithfield Foods, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, announced it would close indefinitely after several hundred of its 3,700 employees tested positive for coronavirus, COVID-19. The closing of that one plant will impact some 5% of US pork supply. Smithfields Foods is one of the world's largest agribusiness concentrations.

In 2018, Smithfields, the world's largest pork producer, was forced to pay almost half a billion dollars in its Tar Heel, North Carolina plant for massive and unreasonable pollution. That one plant, the world's largest processing plant, slaughters some 32,000 pigs daily. The animal fecal waste, mixed with massive doses of antibiotics to control infections, was cause of the lawsuit.

Smithfields Foods has facilities in Mexico, Poland, Romania, Germany, and the United Kingdom, mostly countries where regulations are lax. And the Virginia-based group today is owned by China. In 2013 the largest meat producer in China, WH Group of Luohe, Henan, purchased Smithfield Foods for \$4.72 billion. That made the Chinese company one of the largest foreign landowners in the United States and owner of the

largest pork supplier in the USA. Given that China suffered a devastating loss of its pig population in 2019 from African Swine Fever by as much as 50%, today there are huge competing demands on the pork production from Smithfields.

The COVID testing at the South Dakota plant is just the tip of a very precarious iceberg of infections and sickness, not only coronavirus strains, that is endemic to the huge concentration of agribusiness in North America and globally.

Another giant meat processing conglomerate, Tyson Foods, on April 6 was forced to shut its plant in Waterloo Iowa after death of two workers tested positive for coronavirus. On April 17 after four workers at a Tysons plant in Camilla, Georgia, died after being tested positive for COVID-19, pressure has been building for the company to close that plant as well. To date the company says it will do temperature testing and require face masks in the densely-crowded, low pay plant. The trade union is asking 14-day quarantine paid sick leave for workers tested positive, so far without success. There is no evidence of detailed examination into whether these workers died of co-morbidity from other infections and happened also to test coronavirus positive.

Tyson Foods, an Arkansas company, whose then head, Don Tyson, was instrumental in Clinton's 1992 presidential victory, is the world's second largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef, and pork, with sales of \$46 billion in 2019. Tyson Foods is a major meat supplier to Wal-Mart, the huge Arkansas retail giant. It also supplies fast food chains such as KFC. Since an agreement in December, 2019, Tysons also exports significant volumes of chicken parts and pork to China to help fill the lack of pigmeat protein there, in addition to owning major poultry facilities in China. Reportedly, workers, typically low-paid, work elbow to elbow with no access to masks.

Even without coronavirus fears, the CAFO plants are rife with sickness and toxins. The size of the company's facilities is

staggering. One Tyson Foods facility in Nebraska produces enough meat products every day to feed 18 million people. Tyson, one corporation, controls roughly 26 percent of US beef production.

On April 13 JBS USA Holdings was also forced to close its main US facility in Greeley, Colo., for a deep cleaning, and all of its workers will be tested before they can return for their jobs after major numbers of coronavirus positive cases were tested there after two workers, one 78 years old, died. JBS USA is a subsidiary of JBS S.A., a Brazilian company that is the world's largest processor of fresh beef, with more than US\$50 billion in annual sales. The subsidiary was created when JBS entered the U.S. market in 2007 with its purchase of Swift & Company. JBS USA controls some 20 percent of US beef production.

The third largest US meat processor, Cargill, has cut half its workers at their Fort Morgan Colorado meatpacking plant as multiple positive coronavirus tests emerged. In Canada, Cargill, has tested 358 coronavirus positives at its major Alberta meat-packing plant. The food-workers' union there is calling for the plant to be closed for two weeks to develop a better health strategy, a plea so far ignored by Cargill. At the same time the company laid off 1,000 of its 2,000 workers at that plant, refusing to give details. The plant, one of two beef suppliers to McDonalds Canada, processes thousands of cattle daily. Cargill today controls about 22 percent of the US domestic meat market.

These three giant corporate conglomerates, then, control more than two thirds of the total meat and poultry protein supply of the United States and additionally supply major exports to the rest of the world. That is a concentration which is alarmingly dangerous as we are beginning to see. Whatever coronavirus test results, they are huge cesspools of toxins that workers are exposed to. Covid-19 tests would indicate positive for such toxic infections as well as they do not

directly test presence of any virus, merely of antibodies claimed to indicate COVID-19.

The Agribusiness Model

This unhealthy degree of concentration was not always so. It began as a strategic project of Nelson Rockefeller and the Rockefeller Foundation after World War II. The idea was to create a corporate strictly-for-profit vertical integration and cartelization of the food chain as John D. Rockefeller had done with Standard Oil and petroleum. Rockefeller money funded two Harvard Business School professors. John H. Davis, former Assistant Agriculture Secretary under Eisenhower, and Ray Goldberg, both at Harvard Business School got financing from Rockefeller money to develop what they named "agribusiness." In a 1956 Harvard Business Review article, Davis wrote that "the only way to solve the so-called farm problem once and for all, and avoid cumbersome government programs, is to progress from agriculture to agribusiness." iv

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Over 40% Of San Diego Residents Turned To Food

Banks Last Month

Reuters reported that 1 in 7 Americans relied on food banks before the coronavirus panic but demand now has doubled or tripled. Food-bank networks are running out of staple goods. San Diego, Chicago, and Houston are other cities that reported dwindling supplies at food banks. -GEG

Alarming reports from Reuters indicate food bank networks are quickly running out of staple goods as 26 million people in five weeks are out of work, broke and hungry, as an economic depression could result in social decay.

There's nothing complicated about our analysis, but rather common sense, as a crashed economy and high unemployment could unleash a "social bomb." Earlier this week, the "Pennsylvania Militia" rolled up to the state capitol building in Harrisburg in a military truck, packed with men wearing bulletproof vests and wielding rifles and shotguns, demanded the state government reopen the economy after it has led to widespread unemployment.

In the last four weeks, we have reported food banks across Pennsylvania have experienced unprecedented demand as hungry families wait in mile-long traffic jams outside of these facilities for care packages. And as we've explained, food banks are becoming stressed across the country.

Reuters reports that the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, located in El Paso, Texas, has started to ration certain staple goods as product shortages develop.

"We really have no dry goods," said Bonnie Escobar, chief development officer of El Pasoans Fighting Hunger.

The same story is being shared in New York City as more than a third of the city's food banks have shuttered operations because of the lack of goods. San Diego, Chicago, and Houston

are other cities that have reported dwindling supplies at food banks.

Feeding America told Reuters that 1 in 7 Americans relied on food banks before the pandemic. Now demand has surged to “doubled or tripled at many organizations.”

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Urgent-Care Doctors Explain Why Quarantine Should Be Ended

Doctors Dan Erickson and Artin Massihi, owners of an urgent care facility in California, say hospitals are empty because ‘non-essential’ surgeries have been canceled while many doctors and nurses have been sent home to make room for COVID patients that never showed up. Dr. Erickson said that California, which has a population of 40-million, reported 1,221 deaths. That means there is a 0.03% chance of dying from the virus in California. This is far lower than the 2017-2018-flu death rate. He explained that the immune system is strengthened by daily exposure to viruses and bacteria. Isolation and a sterile environment are detrimental to the immune system, which means the COVID-19 lock down is causing a higher risk of illness and death. -GEG



Several Washington State Sheriffs Begin Refusing to Enforce the Governor's Lockdown

Sheriffs are given power by voters, and that is where their loyalty should lie. The sheriffs of Snohomish, Okanogan and Walla Walla counties take the declared pandemic seriously, but stop short of enforcing actions that violate the constitutional rights of citizens. Most law-enforcement officers do not want to arrest people who are trying to earn an honest living and trying to put food on the table for their families. Without a court order, the governor has no authority over sheriffs or their deputies. Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney posted a letter on Facebook stating: "We have the right to peaceably assemble. We have the right to keep and bear arms. We have the right to attend church service of any denomination. The impacts of COVID 19 no longer warrant the suspension of our Constitutional rights." -GEG

To date, three county sheriffs in Washington State broke ranks and announced they will not enforce some of Governor Inslee's executive orders relating to his several, and increasingly frequent lockdown orders—proclaimed under the auspices of state of emergency declarations to the COVID-19 situation. The dominant subject of dissent among these law enforcement officials centers around what are regarded as unconstitutional

intrusions by the governor enacted against the citizens of their respective counties and the inconsistency of regulations applied unequally by the state.

It is my belief that unless a strong reversal of Governor Inslee's resolve to remain steadfast in his prosecution of ordinary Washingtonians is not fielded soon, the "insubordination" as he claims will only grow and serve to weaken his position, adding spark to a movement against him and his office if it continues in its present form for months.

The time has come for the governor to put his ego aside. For if he chooses to adversarially engage these sheriffs and others who will come to join them he will lose in the courts of public opinion of these various counties.

For those unfamiliar with the make up of Washington State's law enforcement structure I will provide a very rudimentary primer for the purpose of brevity. The state is subdivided into thirty-nine counties, all of which presently have an elected sheriff. Under RCW 36.28.010: "The sheriff is the chief executive officer and conservator of the peace of the county. In the execution of his or her office..."

The sheriff is not generally an appointed position, as is the Chief of the Washington State Patrol, who is appointed by the governor and city chiefs of police by their respective mayors or councils. Sheriffs serve both the civil process and criminal departments, act as agents of the district and superior courts and in most cases maintain the county's jails. They are also tasked by statute with serving public health directives and orders of the county health department. They are not subordinate to the purview of the office of the governor.

As elected officials, their realm is largely separated from that of the county commissioners. Unless there might be in the case of a home rule type of charter of a small town, (which I

have not ever heard of such a case) they are the only elected general authority law enforcement officers of the state—and are generally answerable to the voters of their county. In a review of the various applicable Revised Codes of Washington I was unable in fact to locate any provision granting the office of the governor any authority to modify or preempt the duties of any sheriff in the state acting under the duties of their office as tempered by the state and federal constitutions. The governor may direct the State Patrol, the Washington State Guard, and the Washington National Guard, but he does not control the thirty-nine sheriffs.

Statutory provisions notwithstanding, there remains an unquestionable social matter relating to the office of Sheriff in the state's counties, especially those of Eastern Washington and other rural areas.

Culturally in these areas sheriffs command a great amount of clout and respect among the ordinary citizens of their county. While most probably might not know who the chief of police is in other towns within the county, nearly all know who "their" sheriff is. The understanding is that the sheriff serves them; not the governor, not the county commissioners, but the citizens themselves. While the deputies and city officers might be somewhat faceless agents of their agencies, the sheriff tends to be, or at least perceived to be, part of their personal social arenas. This is not to say that such beliefs are universally held, and not all are liked by all citizens, but people in most of the non-metropolitan counties tend to identify the sheriff as their own. From a political perspective, a sheriff can be a very difficult opponent if chosen to contend with and certainly not one to dismiss without consequence. The sheriff is among the community for everything from general law enforcement, to participation in civic activities, fairs, social clubs, school programs of even small communities, and is approachable and not removed to the state capitol as is sometimes perceived to be the case with

the governor's office.

Having seen personally the decimation of jobs, denial of basic liberty, and countless and conflicting orders coming every few days out of the governor's office, several sheriffs began taking exception to what their constituents are presently enduring. While certainly none of these men question the emergency nature of containing the pandemic, they see themselves, it seems, to be forced into an unenviable position of being charged with forcing unethical and unconstitutional mandates upon their communities. To them in its most basic form is infringing on the constitutional rights of the people, which every law enforcement officer in the state is charged in their oath of office to uphold. To many professional law enforcement officers it is counter to police culture to force a person trying to earn an honest living through ordinary employment to face jailing simply for trying to put food on the table of their families, or simple be let alone to pursue ordinary happiness and not bother anyone else. They are being told by Governor Inslee to upheave the life of the average person with increasingly less concrete justification. That is not something that sits well with most professional police officers.

The seeds for this type of dissent by some Eastern Washington sheriffs began last year with the passing of I-1639, which greatly restricted firearms rights in the state. About a dozen or more sheriffs, mostly in rural counties, refused to enforce the restrictions against the people, citing that the provisions violated both the federal and state constitutional right to bear arms. We are beginning to see an analogue with this in today's declarations of emergency. It is perceived by the dissent as an unjust action against law abiding citizens, likely unconstitutional, and they are not going to be coerced into enforcing this.

In a Facebook posting, Snohomish County Sheriff Fortney Wrote of his dissent and how his agency is managing the outbreak:

Snohomish County Residents and Business Owners,

I just watched the Governor's speech to Washingtonian's regarding our approach to getting Washington back in business and I am left to wonder if he even has a plan? To be quite honest I wasn't even sure what he was trying to say half of the time. He has no plan. He has no details. This simply is not good enough in times when we have taken such drastic measures as the suspension of constitutional rights. I wrote most of this about two weeks ago but I decided to wait out of respect for the Governor and my own misguided hope that each day he did a press conference he would say something with some specificity on getting Washington back to work. After what I witnessed tonight I can no longer stay silent as I'm not even sure he knows what he is doing or knows what struggles Washingtonian's face right now.

I want to start by saying this virus is very real and sadly, it has taken 97 lives in Snohomish County. This is a very serious issue and the appropriate precautions need to be taken to protect our most vulnerable populations. However, our communities have already shown and continue to show they understand the severity of the situation and are doing all they can already to keep themselves, their families and neighbors safe and healthy.

I am worried about the economy and I am worried about Washingtonian's that need to make a living for their family. As more data floods in week by week and day by day about this pandemic I think it is clear that the "models" have not been entirely accurate. While that is okay, we cannot continue down the same path we have been on if the government reaction does not fit the data or even worse, the same government reaction makes our situation worse.

As elected leaders I think we should be questioning the Governor when it makes sense to do so. Are pot shops really essential or did he allow them to stay in business because of

the government taxes received from them? That seems like a reasonable question. If pot shops are essential, then why aren't gun shops essential? Our Governor has told us that private building/construction must stop as it is not essential, but government construction is okay to continue. So let me get this right, according to the Governor if you are employed or contracted by the government to build government things you can still make a living for your family in spite of any health risk. If you are a construction worker in the private sector you cannot make a living and support your family because the health risk is too high. This contradiction is not okay and in my opinion is bordering on unethical.

As I arrive to work at the courthouse, I see landscapers show up each day to install new landscape and maintain our flowerbeds. How has Governor Inslee deemed this essential work? However, a father who owns a construction company and works alone while outdoors is not allowed to run his business to make a living to provide for his wife and children? How has Governor Inslee deemed thousands of Boeing employees who work inside a factory building airplanes essential? But building residential homes is not essential? If a factory with 20,000+ employees each day can implement safe practices to conduct normal business operations, I am entirely confident that our small business owners and independent contractors are more than capable of doing the same.

If this Coronavirus is so lethal and we have shut down our roaring economy to save lives, then it should be all or nothing. The government should not be picking winners or losers when it comes to being able to make an income for your family. If the virus is so lethal it shouldn't matter whether you are building a school for the government, building a new housing development, restaurant owner, or you happen to be an independent contractor. To the contrary, if the virus is proving to not be as lethal as we thought, maybe it's time

for a balanced and reasonable approach to safely get our economy moving again and allowing small businesses to once again provide an income for their families and save their businesses. This is what I hoped for from the Governor tonight but he is not prepared or ready to make these decisions. If we are going to allow government contractors and pot shops to continue to make a living for their families, then it is time to open up this freedom for other small business owners who are comfortable operating in the current climate. This is the great thing about freedom. If you are worried about getting sick you have the freedom to choose to stay home. If you need to make a living for your family and are comfortable doing so, you should have the freedom to do so.

As I have previously stated, I have not carried out any enforcement for the current a stay-at-home order. As this order has continued on for well over a month now and a majority of our residents cannot return to work to provide for their families, I have received a lot of outreach from concerned members of our community asking if Governor Inslee's order is a violation of our constitutional rights.

As your Snohomish County Sheriff, yes I believe that preventing business owners to operate their businesses and provide for their families intrudes on our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am greatly concerned for our small business owners and single-income families who have lost their primary source of income needed for survival.

As your elected Sheriff I will always put your constitutional rights above politics or popular opinion. We have the right to peaceably assemble. We have the right to keep and bear arms. We have the right to attend church service of any denomination. The impacts of COVID 19 no longer warrant the suspension of our constitutional rights.

Along with other elected Sheriffs around our state, the

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office will not be enforcing an order preventing religious freedoms or constitutional rights. I strongly encourage each of you to reach out and contact your councilmembers, local leaders and state representatives to demand we allow businesses to begin reopening and allow our residents, all of them, to return to work if they choose to do so.

The great thing about Snohomish County government is we have all worked very well together during this crisis. I'm not saying we agree all of the time, I'm saying we have the talent and ability to get this done for Snohomish County! This is not a time to blindly follow, this is a time to lead the way.

Sheriff Adam Fortney

For a statement of Okanogan County Sheriff Anthony Hawley on his interpretation of the COVID-19 challenge and his declaration of non-enforcement of punitive measures against his constituents, please click [HERE](#).

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