April 2, 2015 Hello,

My name is Adam Boyle. I spent 9 years as a Paratrooper with the US Army. I did two combat tours in Iraq, and multiple other forms of deployments to locations such as Kosovo, North Africa, and New Orleans after hurricane Katrina.

I am Oath Keeper. What that means for me is that in 2000 I gave an Oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. That is why I am submitting this letter. Because S.141 is a threat to our Constitutionally protected right to bear arms.

The Constitution doesn't grant us our rights. Ours rights are granted to us through God as human beings, and as free Americans. Great men saw the potential for corruption of these rights and wrote the Constitution so that it would be illegal for anyone to try and take them away from us. And that is what anyone who supports this bill is doing right now. You are trying to take away Americans'/Vermonters' God given right to bear arms in order to defend themselves.

I don't care how you word it, I don't care how you justify it, I don't care if you some how believe that this bill actually makes people safer. Because without freedom, what is safety worth?

I'm sure you have all heard this quote from Benjamin Franklin: "Those who sacrifice Liberty for security deserve neither"

Now, here is another quote from more recent history:

"If I could've gotten 51 votes in the senate of the United States for an outright ban, picking up every one of them - Mr. and Mrs. America turn 'em all in - I would have done it."

That is a direct quote by Dianne Feinstein speaking honestly of her wish to completely deny every Americans God given, Constitutionally protected, right to bear arms.

The reason I present that quote to you is because those who are behind gun regulations have repeatedly shown to have Feinstein's mind set in regard to guns. They will push one little bill at a time, but it will never be enough until they get it all.

Our Constitution is clear. We have our right to bear arms. And it doesn't matter if you push for universal background checks, or for "Mr. And Mrs. America turn 'em all in", it is still in direct violation of what I fought for, what others have DIED for, and what you all gave an Oath to... Keep your Oaths to the Constitution.

Thank you,

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