

# From our Readers:

## Vote No on Initiative I-1689

This fall the citizens of Washington State will be voting on initiative I-1639. This ballot measure is a serious attack upon the firearm rights of the law abiding citizens of this State. If enacted this law would severely limit the ownership, possession and use of common semi-automatic handguns and rifles. It would deny the Constitutional rights of people 18-21 years old to purchase or own firearms even if they are serving in the Armed Forces. There would be a 10-day waiting period for certain firearm purchases and training requirements to exercise a constitutional right. It would also create a firearm registry. Additionally, firearms would be required to be locked up and if stolen and used in a crime the owner could be held accountable and face felony charges for the actions of someone else.

This initiative is being funded by several billionaires such as former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Seahawks owner Paul Allen. These people have the money to hire private armed security and live in mansions protected by multiple layers of security yet they want us common citizens to be unarmed to defend ourselves and our families.

The United States 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution states:

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. Supreme Court rulings have held that U.S. citizens have the right to own and use common firearms for self-defense (see Heller decision).

Furthermore, the Washington State Constitution states as follows:

*PREAMBLE: We, the people of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for our liberties, do ordain this constitution.*

### ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

*SECTION 2 SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND. The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.*

*SECTION 24 RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. The right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state, shall not be impaired, ...*

The Washington State constitution states that God (Supreme Ruler of the universe) provides these rights to the citizens, not men, and thus by reasoning men cannot take these basic rights away. Our State Constitution further re-affirms that the U.S. Constitution is supreme to the Washington State Constitution (which has upheld that keeping and bearing arms shall not be infringed) and goes on to state that WA State citizens have the right to bear arms in defense and shall not be impaired.

So these are my questions to fellow Lincoln County patriots and all of Eastern Washington Counties. If I-1639 passes in November are we going to allow this unconstitutional law to be enforced? Will the citizens of the Eastern Counties allow the State to seize their firearms, ammunition magazines, or infringe/impair their right to bear arms? Will law enforcement and County Commissioners carry out unconstitutional law? If I-1639 passes this will be a defining moment in our State's history, whether we abide by the U.S. and Washington State Constitution, or whether we allow tyranny and despots to overrule our God given rights. I encourage patriots to vote against this initiative and to rally as many people as they can to do the same.

Respectfully,  
  
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