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Six leading gun rights organizations file a joint lawsuit to overturn New Jersey’s suppression ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. July 18, 2025 – A coalition of six leading gun rights organizations comprised of the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), American Suppressor Association (ASA), National Rifle Association (NRA), Safari Club International (SCI), Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs (ANJRPC) and the New Jersey Firearms Owners Syndicate (NJFOS) announced the filing of a joint federal lawsuit in the District of New Jersey challenging the state of New Jersey’s unconstitutional ban on firearm suppressors. The lawsuit was filed on July 18.

Also known as silencers, suppressors are hearing safety devices that reduce the noise of a gunshot by an average of 20 to 35 decibels. That is why the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the National Hearing Conservation Association, the Academy of Doctors of Audiology, the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgeons, and Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership all recommend the use of suppressors as a tool to mitigate preventable hearing damage. Suppressors are “arms” under the Second Amendment and enjoy the same constitutional protection as the firearms they are attached to. The government cannot categorically ban them without first proving a his-



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torical tradition of such bans – a burden it cannot meet.

“New Jersey’s total ban on silencers deprives the state’s residents of access to constitutionally protected arms,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “Silencers are nothing more than mufflers designed to mitigate the damage caused to a users’ ears when firing a gun, no different than the muffler found on automobiles. Additionally, their use provides benefits to the surrounding communities by mitigating the noise created when shooting guns. Former President Theodore Roosevelt was known to use these devices while hunting and they are commonly used in Europe, which is anything but gun friendly. Lawmakers rely on Hollywood’s characterization of these tools to justify keeping their heads in the proverbial sand. We look forward to working with our partners to overturn this unconstitutional ban.”

“The ban on suppressors in New Jersey is an unacceptable violation of Second Amendment rights for law-abiding gun

owners across the Garden State. Suppressors are an essential safety device that protects the hearing and preserves situational awareness for millions of gun owners and sportsmen,” said ASA President and Executive Director Knox Williams. “For too long, out of touch bureaucrats in state capitols have prioritized misguided political beliefs over the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. At the American Suppressor Association, we are proud to stand firm with our partners in the fight to restore the constitutional rights of all Americans.”

“Suppressors are essential for reducing the risk of hearing loss for gun owners and hunters,” explained John Commerford, NRA-ILA Executive Director. “The NRA is proud to partner with like-minded allies to restore constitutional protection for these important hearing safety devices. This challenge is critical to defending the Second Amendment rights of New Jerseyans and protecting their health and freedoms.”

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long stood at the intersection of hunting rights and constitutional freedoms. This case isn’t just about suppressors: it’s about defending the ability of hunters to pursue game safely and lawfully. SCI has a strong record of litigating to protect regulated bear hunting in New Jersey, and views this case as a continuation of our commitment. SCI is proud to join forces with respected partners in this litigation, united by a shared commitment to defending the Second Amendment and hunting heritage. SCI stands firmly on behalf of our growing community in New Jersey, including our newly formed Garden State Chapter, to ensure that the rights of hunters are respected and upheld,” said W. Laird Hamberlin, CEO of Safari Club International.

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house, where lawmakers pretend that the Second Amendment doesn’t apply to them. They are about to get a wake-up call like no other, and ANJRPC is proud to be a part of this historic effort,” said Executive Director of ANJRPC Scott Bach.

“We are proud to stand among our partners at ASA, NRA, SAF, ANJRPC and Safari Club in this critical step to restore the Second Amendment rights of New Jersey residents. There is nothing ‘common sense’ about a total ban on suppressors, an arm that can only be used by the people of this state to exercise their core Constitutional rights in a safer manner,” said NJFOS Director of Legal Operations Joe Loporto.

The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

SAF defeats motion to dismiss in CRPA v. LASD CCW permit challenge

BELLEVUE, Wash. — July 22, 2025 — A District Court judge in California has denied in part a Motion to Dismiss (MTD) in a ruling that favors the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners in CRPA v. LASD. SAF’s challenge to lengthy concealed carry permit wait times in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department’s (LASD) filed a motion to dismiss most aspects of SAF’s claims and limit any relief going forward to only the individual plaintiffs listed in the lawsuit. The court found that SAF can sue on behalf of all its members, and not just those who are specifically named in the lawsuit. Now, as the case proceeds to final judgment, any relief SAF wins will be on behalf of all its members.

“One of LASD’s main arguments in their Motion to Dismiss was that any relief obtained would not apply to all SAF members who have applied for a permit with LASD, only to the listed individual plaintiffs, which is absurd,” said SAF Director of Legal Research and Education Kostas Moros. “Every SAF member, regardless of their affiliation with this case, faces the same long wait times, period. We are grateful the judge in this case saw through this thinly veiled attempt to subvert the Second Amendment rights of California residents.”

SAF is joined in the case by the California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA), Gun Owners of America, Gun Owners Foundation, Gun Owners of California and several individuals.

“What the LASD was trying to do with this motion to dismiss was to severely restrict the scope of relief SAF is seeking in this suit,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “At the core of their argument was the idea that even if the court dragged them kicking and screaming into processing these permit applications, they should only have to do so for the handful of individual plaintiffs, while continuing to violate the rights of all other SAF members in the state. We’re thrilled the court saw through this guise and shot this motion down.”

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Supreme Allied Commander Europe says NATO is looking to innovate like Ukrainians to find defensive operations

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Washington, D.C., July 18, 2025 - Since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, the Ukrainians have continuously innovated to find the kinds of equipment they need for defensive operations. The allies of NATO might study the work done there and find out how to do it themselves, said the supreme allied commander Europe.

"All of us who've studied warfare know that there's nothing like combat operations to drive innovation; when your life depends on it, you change what you're doing," said Air Force Gen. Alexis G. Grynke-wich during a session yesterday at the 2025 LANDEURO symposium in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Until recently, with the invasion of Ukraine, Grynke-wich said, he'd not seen how that need to innovate in conflict would look in



"We need real capabilities, and we need them delivered as soon as possible," he said. "We can't afford to wait. Future pledges are no longer enough. We need things to start showing up in the armies and in the air forces and in the navies of the alliance as soon as they can."

while addressing an audience of NATO military leaders and defense industry experts. "Down at the brigade level, they're able to have a relationship with an industry partner that drives innovation — not in a matter of years, but in a matter of days."

What the Ukrainians have done while defending themselves, he said, is something NATO military leaders could study, reflect on and incorporate into their own formations.

The general also spoke to military leaders and the defense industry, both in the U.S. and in Europe, letting them know

NATO is now in the market for innovative technologies, that industry needs to step up and that defense leaders need to make it easier for industry to meet the needs of NATO military partners.

"We have a shopping list; the shopping list comes from our plans, and we can tell industry exactly what it is that we need," Grynke-wich said. "For all the leaders that are out there, it's our job, I think, to hold industry accountable to deliver quickly and to hold ourselves accountable for giving industry the ability to deliver quickly through our acquisition processes."

Equipping NATO with what it needs must happen fast, Grynke-wich said.

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What that will require, Grynke-wich said, is that the defense industry across the alliance, in both North America and Europe, will need to ramp up.

"To do this, the defense industrial base on both sides of the Atlantic going to have to become fully activated, in my view," he said.

"There's plenty of work to go around, and it's a false choice to think that we can only invest in one or the other. It needs to be one seamless industrial base that can deliver capability and capacity for the alliance."

What NATO needs to accomplish its goals, Grynke-wich said, is investment — and now it has that. Last month, Grynke-wich said, NATO allies agreed to spend 5% of their gross domestic product on contributing to their own defense, a "historic accomplishment."

"This demonstrates will across the alliance and every single nation backing the military requirements we have with a commitment to getting those requirements into the field," he said.

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