

I hereby certify that this Motion was adopted by the Chautauqua County Legislature at its meeting held on September 28, 2022

Olivia L. Lee
Olivia L. Lee, Clerk
Chautauqua County Legislature

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
MOTION NO. 6-22**

TITLE: Opposition to New York State Actions Restricting 2nd Amendment Rights

AT THE REQUEST OF: Legislators Davis, Harmon, Pavlock, Proctor, Rankin, Wilfong, Hemmer, Gustafson and Bankoski:

WHEREAS, On July 1st, 2022 Kathy Hochul, the Governor of New York State signed into law the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) that was drafted in close collaboration with New York State legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the legislature surreptitiously rushed the CCIA through to passage under a message of necessity and during an 'extraordinary session' bypassing the traditional rules and procedures of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, many of the provisions of the CCIA that went into effect on September 1st, 2022 place unprecedented and overly restrictive conditions on applying for, obtaining, utilizing, maintaining and recertifying a conceal carry permit for personal protection and other legal uses that are protected by the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Sheriffs' Association recognized these new laws as "punitive licensing requirements that aim only to restrain and punish law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights"; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County has a strong history of upholding the Constitution of the United States and supporting lawful citizens in their pursuit of 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness' and that Chautauqua County recognizes that these are essential elements of the freedoms that we enjoy as United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature also recognizes and respects the inherent right of our private law abiding citizens to 'keep and bear arms' as a means of protecting their property, self and family; therefore

LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Chautauqua County Legislature is vehemently and with full resolve opposed and requests the immediate repeal of the CCIA as being unjust, ineffective, vague, and an impingement on Second Amendment rights; and be it further

MOVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this motion to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senator George Borello, Assemblyman Andy Gopdell, the New York State Association of Counties, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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