

# *Dutchess County Legislature*

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The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We, the various undersigned members of the Dutchess County Legislature, have with considerable concern, followed the New York State Legislature's recent action on new firearm laws, Senate Bill S.51001 and Assembly Bill A.41001. Elements of those bills, which went into effect this past month, are injurious to the inalienable civil rights of New York and its people, including those in Dutchess County. These are not the principles this state was built on. It is the duty of New York State to uphold the freedoms of its citizens and it is these values that make our nation, and this state in particular, a beacon for those overseas whose civil rights are trampled. Yet, it seems this heritage of freedom is of little value in our state government today. The right of people to have personal protection in their lives is not a second-class right, to be enjoyed only at the pleasure of our state government in Albany.

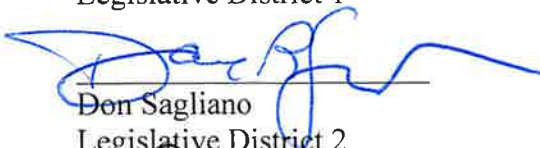
As officials in other counties recently expressed, to you, these bills represent an insufficiently thought out, poorly executed reaction to *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. vs. Bruen*. They seek to make the U.S. Supreme Court's decision a dead letter by banning concealed carry in an unreasonable litany of public places, including all parks and restaurants. It will be a felony for anyone, even if he or she has a valid NYS Concealed Carry Permit, to conceal carry in any of the places listed by this law.

The law also suffers from "cumbersome, confusing, and redundant barriers of compliances" as legislators from Greene County pointed out, and we echo their concern. Reports abound that the new laws do not provide clear guidance on compliance. Dueling legal interpretations have been issued by your office, legislative sponsors of the bills, and law enforcement agencies which has led to an unnavigable maze of compliance for law-abiding citizens. There have been several cancellations of recent historical reenactment shows, featuring historic, single shot muzzleloading muskets, because of worries sparked by this law. If implemented, this law could have at least been clear and germane to actual criminal activity, but it is not. Our state deserves better policy.

Sincerely,

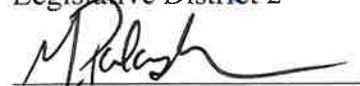
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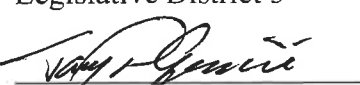
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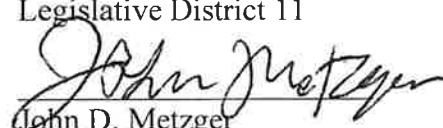
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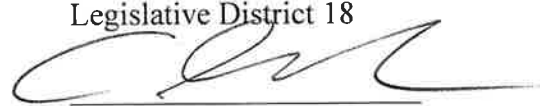


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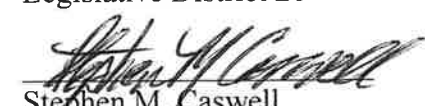


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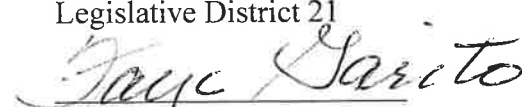
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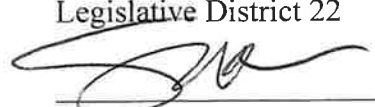
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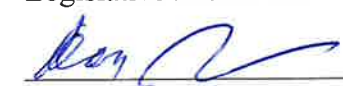
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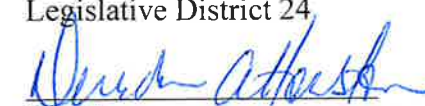
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