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## ATF Withdraws Pistol Brace "Guidance"

On December 23rd, ATF posted a document to its website indicating that its recently published *Objective Factors for Classifying Weapons with "Stabilizing Braces"* is withdrawn. The withdraw notice indicates that "[u]pon further consultation with the Department of Justice and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, ATF is withdrawing, pending further Department of Justice review, the notice and request for comments entitled 'Objective Factors for Classifying Weapons with 'Stabilizing Braces',' that was published on December 18, 2020.' The withdraw notice came only hours after Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-08) and 89 other Congressional Representatives sent a letter to ATF asking the agency to "immediately take action to correct this injustice."

As we reported, the "guidance" did nothing to fix ATF's history of confusing and conflicting determinations on pistol braces.

We would like to thank the NRA members, gun owners, and members of Congress who stood up for the Second Amendment rights of all Americans. And, special thanks to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Congressman Hudson for taking the lead in pushing ATF to rethink its arbitrary and unhelpful "guidance."

Congress is taking notice of the ATF "guidance" about AR pistols with braces. Thanks to Wisconsin CD-7 Rep. Tom Tiffany who spoke to me about this issue personally and directed his staff to assist. Also signed was CD-6 Rep. Glen Grothman.

You can let your Congressman know about your opposition to the ATF's proposed changes by clicking the link, and filling out the form here <https://act.nraia.org/actions/campaigns/10293>

Santa put coal in the ATF bureaucrats' stockings, and we can have stabilizing braces on our AR pistols this Christmas!

I also got a call from WI CD7 Congressman Tom Tiffany's office who delivered the news. Thanks for your work on this, Tom!

## About the Wisconsin Biathlon Association



The Wisconsin Biathlon Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, promoting, and expanding the participation in biathlon, the Winter Olympic sport combining cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship. Individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to participate become involved in this fun and challenging sport.

The Wisconsin Biathlon Association is a Member club of the United States Biathlon Association (USBA), the national governing body of the sport in the US. We also follow the established rules and guidelines set forth by the International Biathlon Union (IBU).

There are currently three regulation biathlon venues in the state of Wisconsin - at the McMiller Sports Center in Eagle (Southeastern Wisconsin) and at the [Blackhawk Ski Club](#) in Middleton (near Madison) and at the [Bay Nordic Ski Club](#) in Suamico (near Green Bay). Looking towards the future, we encourage other ski clubs to get involved by creating a biathlon venue in your area.

For information about the Wisconsin Biathlon Association, club functions, training programs or events, please contact Mike Larsen at [info@WisconsinBiathlon.com](mailto:info@WisconsinBiathlon.com)

## AMMO Inc. announces expansion in Manitowoc; more than 200 new jobs expected to be created

By [Jason Zimmerman](#)

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MANITOWOC, Wis. (WBAY) - Manitowoc's manufacturing sector is about to add a lot more jobs. Arizona-based AMMO Inc. has plans to expand after acquiring Jagemann Stamping Company's brass casing division for \$27 million this past November.

The Manitowoc City Council approved a term sheet for the project during a special meeting on Monday night.

The term sheet will allow AMMO Inc. to build a 170,000 square foot facility in the city's industrial park on a vacant piece of land just west of Interstate 43.

While the project does include \$1.4 million in TIF incentives, Manitowoc's mayor, Justin Nickels, says the trade-off is significant.

"They purchased some portion of Jagemann Stamping and their casings division, and we're looking at upwards of 200 jobs being created, 150. There's 50 right now, but 150 being created in the city of Manitowoc," said Nickels.

The cost of construction is expected to be between \$10 million and \$12 million.

"We've been working with this company for a while, and one of the advantages we have in the city of Manitowoc is being right off the interstate, which allows obviously for good business travel and getting product in and out, and also just the incentives we were able to work out with the company to be able to ensure they build in the city of Manitowoc and bring those good paying jobs here," said Nickels.

Inside the new building, the company will make bullets for both the general public as well as the military.

"They're very aggressive. They have a backlog of work that they need to get done. It's a company that is doing very well and has a lot of potential, so they want to build pretty darn soon," said Nickels.

Nickels tells Action 2 News the company is expecting to break ground sometime this spring.

## KIM RHODE AIMING FOR SEVEN OUT OF SEVEN AT TOKYO 2020



In 2016, American shooter Kimberly Rhode achieved the unprecedented feat of winning a medal at six straight editions of the Summer Games, going all the way back to her double trap title at [Atlanta 1996](#), aged 17. Now 40 and the skeet world no. 1, she has no intention of stopping any time soon; she is targeting a seventh consecutive medal at [Tokyo 2020](#) and, looking beyond that, victory in front of a home crowd at [Los Angeles 2028](#).

"It's been amazing, having come to so many Pan-American Games. My first were in 1995 as an alternate in Argentina. And now this is the seventh one. It's been an incredible journey and I couldn't be happier, especially to be bringing home the gold for the USA. The next goal is obviously just to

keep adding to it. I can't wait for the Olympics in Tokyo. To be going for that record, seven for seven, definitely adds that element of pressure, but at the same time I'm just excited. Let's see what happens, and hopefully I'll do everyone proud," said Rhode on 3 August 2019 in Lima (Peru), where she had just claimed the Pan-American Games skeet title for the third consecutive time, having once again demonstrated greater accuracy than her rivals in an event in which shooters stand in a fixed position and take aim at clays launched by two traps in a specific order.

There are quotas for this event at the Tokyo Games, but this is no longer an issue for the 40-year-old Californian shooter. Rhode secured her place on Team USA by winning silver at the 2018 World Championships in September in Changwon (Republic of Korea), along with compatriot Caitlin Connor, who took gold.

In 2019, before the Pan-American Games, Rhode won no fewer than three events on the ISSF World Cup programme: in March in Acapulco (Mexico), in April in Al Ain (United Arab Emirates) and in May in Changwon. The latter was her 21st World Cup victory, in a competition in which she successfully hit 122 out of 125 targets in qualification, and 57 out of 60 in the final. In short, on the road to the Tokyo 2020 women's skeet competition, Kim Rhode is in a league of her own.

### **1996-2004: TWO OLYMPIC DOUBLE TRAP GOLDS AND A BRONZE**

Rhode's record of achievements in women's shooting spans a quarter of a century and counting. The American, who initially specialised in the double trap before switching to the skeet from 2004, has maintained her levels of excellence throughout her career and has no end date in sight.

She was only 17 years (and 5 days) old when she was crowned Olympic champion for the first time, dominating the qualifying rounds and the final of the double trap with two Olympic records of 108 and 141 points, which she set at the Wolf Creek Shooting Complex on 21 July 1996 at the Atlanta Games – becoming the youngest female gold medallist in the history of her sport in the process.

After taking bronze at Sydney 2000, finishing behind Sweden's Pia Hansen (gold) and Italy's Deborah Gelisio (silver), Rhode became the last ever Olympic champion in the discipline, winning her second title on 18 August 2004 at the Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre, where she beat South Korea's Lee Bo-na by a solitary point. Women's double trap was subsequently dropped from the Olympic programme.

## **Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News**

**WFO annual meeting will be virtual. No time or dates have been set.**

**To our knowledge most indoor shooting events will be cancelled this coming season. We know some of the Junior smallbore programs are requiring masks to participate.**

**There is efforts to put together a Junior State Smallbore Mail in Match for 2021!**

**Contact Randy Gregory for details: [accuracyunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:accuracyunlimited@gmail.com)**



- **Wisconsin Firearm Owners** gives you a voice in Madison to protect your **Second Amendment Rights**.
- We are the only **NRA** State Chartered Association in Wisconsin.
- **WFO** and the **NRA** led the lobbying efforts for Right to Carry and The Shooting Ranges Protection Act.
- **WFO** provides Club and Range support for those looking to expand and improve their ranges.
- As your **NRA** and **CMP** State Association, **WFO** sanctions State Championships for multiple shooting disciplines.
- Our lobbying efforts have helped to clean up Wisconsin's handgun restrictions.
- Advancing hunter rights and mentored hunting in Wisconsin.

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## Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO)

### Mission

To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

### Securing Our Rights

The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. WFO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

### Club and Range Support

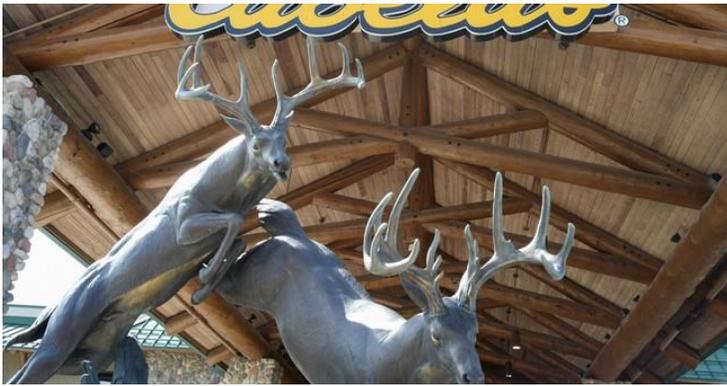
We are the experts in the State advising the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, clubs, and businesses in upgrading, improving, and the design of ranges.

### Competitions

Matches and events are listed on our calendar. Match Directors can also utilize our on-line registration. NRA discipline championships are authorized and promoted by WFO. **Please join us today!**

# Cabela's Sued Over Ammo Purchase

Posted at 2:00 pm on November 5, 2020 by [Tom Knighton](#)



Federal law states that people can't be sued for engaging in lawful trade of guns and ammo. Oh, if someone breaks the law or if the products are faulty, that's different, but just for engaging in lawful trade? Nope.

Of course, that doesn't stop lawsuits from happening. Usually, they're thrown out, but an anti-gun court decision against Remington didn't just hurt the company, it's likely to hurt the entire gun industry as now the vultures are out and about. Since a judge ruled that the lawsuit against Remington could continue, they're hoping other judges will follow suit.

To that end, it seems that outdoor retailer [Cabela's is under the gavel](#) for an ammunition sale in New York.

At the same time that gun sales have skyrocketed as more Americans reach for a firearm to protect themselves from threats real and perceived, warning shots abound that should have gun rights advocates on edge.

The [latest is the court ruling allowing a lawsuit against the Cabela's store](#) in Cheektowaga to proceed after it sold ammunition to then- 19-year-old Jake Klocek, who used it in a handgun to accidentally kill 19-year-old Anthony King, a friend he'd invited over while housesitting for an Elma couple.

The suit by the victim's family contends that Cabela's – a defendant along with Klocek and the Elma couple – “knew or should have known its failure to use reasonable care” in selling the ammunition to someone like Klocek would result in serious injury or death.

But that claim hinges on the fact that Klocek, under 21 at the time, could not legally buy handgun ammunition.

However, he could legally buy long gun ammunition. And as Cabela's attorneys point out, the ammunition in question – .45 ACP – can be used in both handguns and rifles. If the clerk asks and the buyer says it's for a rifle, how is the store supposed to know, short of having a polygraph machine at every register?

That last part is particularly important. After all, .45 ACP carbines actually are a thing. In fact, a number of people age 18-21 will purchase a carbine in their preferred handgun caliber, often using the same magazines as the handgun they intend on purchasing, and stock up on magazines and ammo prior to turning 21. And it's perfectly legal.

Unfortunately, what's happening here is that we have judges hearing cases on subjects they know absolutely nothing about. In fairness, there's no way to avoid that happening. The problem, though, is that now we end up with a lawsuit continuing based on a bad argument.

Federal law prohibits handgun ammo purchases, sure, but so long as the ammo can go in a long gun, it counts as long gun ammunition. Pistol-caliber carbines are common and actually popular options for home defense among many aged 18-21 in part because they're long guns but have ballistics similar to a handgun, which means less chance of over-penetration compared to a conventional rifle but are lighter recoiling than shotguns.

And that's where the problem with this lawsuit comes into play.

What really bothers me is that unless Cabela's attorneys are able to make their case at trial, we could see the end of pistol-caliber carbines for people in that particular age group. On the other hand, Second Amendment organizations are challenging some of the laws [restricting the right to keep and bear arms](#) for adults under the age of 21, so there's also a real chance that SCOTUS could end up ruling that adults of all ages are on an equal footing when it comes to the exercise of their Second Amendment rights.



Dear NRA Members & Supporters:

Today, the NRA announced a restructuring plan that positions us for the long-term and ensures our continued success as the nation's leading advocate for constitutional freedom – free from the toxic political environment of New York.

The plan can be summed up quite simply: We are DUMPING New York, and we are pursuing plans to reincorporate the NRA in Texas.

To facilitate the strategic plan and restructuring, the NRA and one of its subsidiaries filed voluntary chapter 11 petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. As you may know, chapter 11 proceedings are often utilized by businesses, nonprofits and organizations of all kinds to streamline legal and financial affairs.

Under the plan, the NRA will continue what we've always done – confronting anti-gun, anti-self-defense and anti-hunting activities and promoting constitutional advocacy that helps law-abiding Americans. Our work will continue as it always has. No major changes are expected to the NRA's operations or workforce.

Importantly, our plans do not impact your membership at any level.

NRA supporters will continue to enjoy all their full member benefits – from new members to Life Members to Benefactor Members. We will continue to publish and deliver your magazines. We will continue to train Americans and teach them firearm safety. We will continue to teach hunter safety. But most importantly, we will continue to fight for your freedom and the freedom of all Americans – as we have for all these years. In fact, we are expanding our national platform.

The plan aims to streamline costs and expenses, proceed with pending litigation in a coordinated and structured manner, and realize many financial and strategic advantages.

You know that our opponents will try to seize upon this news and distort the truth. Don't believe what you read from our enemies. The NRA is not "bankrupt" or "going out of business." The NRA is not insolvent. We are as financially strong as we have been in years.

But they know today's announcement makes us bigger, stronger and more prepared for the fight for freedom.

We are leaving the state of an attorney general who, just a few months ago, vowed to put us out of business through an abuse of legal and regulatory power. In fact, the gross overreach of the New York Attorney General and New York Governor has been resoundingly criticized by powerful national groups like the ACLU and a host of prominent legal scholars.

Subject to court approval, the NRA is pursuing plans to reincorporate in the State of Texas. The Lone Star State is home to more than 400,000 NRA Members and the site of our 2021 Annual Meeting being held in Houston.

Texas values the contributions of the NRA, celebrates our law-abiding members, and joins us as a partner in upholding constitutional freedom.

Under this plan, we seek protection from New York officials who illegally abused and weaponized the powers they wield against the NRA and its members. You can be assured the Association will continue the fight to protect your interests in New York – and all forums where the NRA is unlawfully singled out for its Second Amendment advocacy.

This plan represents a pathway to opportunity, growth and progress.

This is the most transformational moment in the history of the NRA. And it involves all of you.

The NRA will continue to promote its Second Amendment advocacy, sponsor firearms training, and work with its network of instructors and volunteers in furtherance of its mission. This plan actually streamlines all of the NRA's activities and improves our operational processes.

I know we have welcomed many of you to our headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. We have no immediate plans to relocate, but we are forming a special committee to explore our strategic options in this regard. We want to determine if there are advantages to relocating our HQ operations to another state. I have asked our leadership team to explore all options that benefit the NRA and its members.

What's most important is leading the fight for Second Amendment freedom and serving our members. We will do that from anywhere that works best for you and for our cause.

All membership dues and financial donations will be fully dedicated to supporting our operations and public advocacy. This plan actually improves our business. It protects us from costly, distracting and unprincipled attacks from anti-2A politicians aimed at attacking the NRA because we are a potent political force. We know that the gun ban lobby will never stop – fueled by a hatred of your freedoms and by wealthy benefactors. Our plan is the best way to confront them.

We are now prepared for a better future. In fact, to me, it feels like the dawn of a new day.

We are revitalized, well-positioned, and steadfast in our commitment to fight for you. To learn more, please visit [www.nra.org/forward](http://www.nra.org/forward).

Thank you for your unwavering spirit and being part of the NRA's future. Both hold incredible promise for our country – and the freedoms in which it believes.

*Wayne LaPierre, NRA CEO & EVP*

## **Questions & Answers**

### **What did the NRA announce?**

This is a transformational moment for the NRA. We announced a new strategic plan called Project Freedom.

The NRA's new strategic plan involves pursuing reincorporating the Association from the State of New York to the State of Texas – home to more than 400,000 NRA members and site of the 2021 NRA Annual Meeting being held in Houston.

The NRA's restructuring plan also aims to help the NRA streamline costs and expenses, proceed with pending litigation in a coordinated and structured manner, and realize many financial and strategic advantages.

The restructuring plan positions our organization for the future – and ensures our continued success as the nation's leading advocate for constitutional freedom.

### **Is the NRA going "bankrupt?"**

No. In fact, this move comes at a time when the NRA is in its strongest financial condition in years.

To facilitate its reorganization, the NRA and one of its subsidiaries filed voluntary chapter 11 petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. The NRA is not insolvent.

We expect no impacts to NRA programming.

Nothing is more important to the NRA than protecting the Second Amendment rights of our law-abiding members. We will be as effective as ever in advocating for your rights, promoting firearms education and training, and engaging in public endeavors.

**What happens to my NRA membership?**

Nothing. Your membership remains intact.

NRA supporters will continue to enjoy all their full member benefits – from new members to Life Members to Benefactor Members. We will continue to publish and deliver your magazines. We will continue to train Americans and teach them firearms safety. We will continue to teach hunter safety.

But most importantly, we will continue to fight for your freedom as we have for all these years. In fact, we are expanding our national platform.

**Can people still join the NRA – and why should they?**

Absolutely! There could not be a more exciting time to join the NRA. We are expanding our national platform, and our future is bright and secure. We invite all law-abiding gun owners and all Americans to be part of it.

**By filing for chapter 11, is the NRA admitting it mismanaged donor funds?**

Not at all. We have utilized all donor contributions in furtherance of the NRA's mission. This action is necessitated primarily by one thing: the unhinged and political attack against the NRA by the New York Attorney General.

A restructuring plan is a proven mechanism for streamlining legal and business affairs. All membership fees and donations will continue to be used in furtherance of our Second Amendment advocacy.

**Can you guarantee member donations will be used to protect our Second Amendment rights?**

All donations are used for the purpose of advancing the NRA's mission, period.

**Should I donate to the NRA during the chapter 11 process, or should I wait until the Association emerges from the restructuring process?**

We need your support now – as we confront a Biden Administration that has vowed to attack your Second Amendment freedoms. All donations are used in furtherance of our mission.

**Will there be impacts to endowed funds?**

No. Endowed funds will still be used to support the NRA's core mission: protecting the Second Amendment.

**When will the restructuring process be completed?**

This process begins immediately. The NRA is expected to emerge from these proceedings within the next six months.

**What can I do to support the NRA?**

Join today. Promote our cause. Get fully engaged. We must continue to win the fight for constitutional freedom.