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WFO Supreme Court Nomination Support

The Wisconsin Firearm Owners has decided to send a letter of support to the U.S. Senate to support President Trump's nomination. Here is the letter:

Dear Members of the U.S. Senate and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

We, the undersigned, write to offer our full support for the confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court. It is not often that such a broad community of stakeholders, representing free-market, family, faith, education, business, and judicial interests comes together to speak with a clear and singular voice. Now is such a time. Because of the judicial philosophy she embraces, the confirmation of Judge Barrett is of critical importance both to our country and to future generations of Americans.

We believe a judiciary that rules based on the plain text of the Constitution and the law is essential to preserve the functioning of our governmental and social institutions. Judges who inject their own policy views into their decisions are not upholding the rule of law – they are creating new laws. We elect you, our senators, to do that. Judges have no legitimate hand in such business.

After a careful and thorough review of Judge Barrett's work as a law professor, scholar, and Seventh Circuit judge, we firmly believe she possesses the judicial temperament and philosophy necessary to act as a bulwark for our Constitution and institutions of government. Specifically, we trust Judge Barrett, if confirmed to the Supreme Court, will:

- Respect the Constitution
- Protect our freedoms
- Defend the separation of powers
- Interpret the law as written
- Not legislate from the bench

We therefore ask the members of the Judiciary Committee to favorably report Judge Barrett's nomination to the Senate Floor. Likewise, we urge each senator to vote to confirm this highly qualified judge to the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Association

2020: Potential Electoral Armageddon for Gun Rights

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By John Velleco

The 2020 election is fast approaching, amid choruses of the old cliché about this being the “most important election in our lifetime.” But this time, the evidence is impossible to ignore. If Democrats catch any sort of tailwind on Tuesday, November 3, the three branches of government will be at risk and the stage set for all-out destruction of the Second Amendment.

Of course, all over the country there are Democrats and people from every party who cherish and respect the Second Amendment. The point remains, however, that at the federal level the agenda of national

Democrats is to annihilate the right to keep and bear arms.

Let's start with the White House.

Joe Biden has made his intentions clear. If elected, [he will push for](#):

- A permanent ban on many semi-automatic firearms (so-called assault weapons);
- An executive ban on semi-auto imports;
- Treating existing “assault weapons” the same as full-autos by placing them under the National Firearms Act;
- A mandatory “buy-back” for those who choose not to register with the NFA, after which time a person in possession will become a felon;
- Limiting gun purchases to one per month;
- Imposing Universal Background Registration Checks;
- Banning Social Security recipients who the agency deems “unable to manage their financial affairs” from possessing firearms (aka, say goodbye to Grandpa’s gun collection);
- A gun prohibition for *misdemeanor* convictions of amorphous “hate crimes”;
- Extending the time in which the FBI must complete a background check from three days to ten – and prohibit FFLs from transferring a firearm without first hearing back from the FBI, which can result in *de facto* gun bans lasting weeks;
- Ending all online sales of firearms and ammunition;
- A national Red Flag Gun Confiscation law;
- A national gun licensing scheme, and;
- Believe it or not, even more anti-Second Amendment initiatives!

If there’s any doubt that Sleepy Joe has the energy to accomplish all of this, he has [promised](#) to appoint 47-year-old Beto O’Rourke as his “Gun Czar.”

Who can forget Beto’s [proclamation](#) from the debate stage in Houston on September 12, 2019: “Hell, yes, we’re going to take your AR-15, your AK-47!”

But Biden would need more players on his team to be able to destroy the great work of the Founding Fathers. Most importantly, he needs the United States Senate to be led by Chuck Schumer.

Control of Senate Crucial for Firearms Legislation, Courts

Currently, Republicans hold a slight edge, 53-47, in addition to a tiebreaker in Vice President Mike Pence. How tenuous is the majority? Virtually all national election experts and pollsters agree that there are seven senate seats in either the “tossup” column or likely to switch parties.

One is in Alabama, where Democrat Sen. Doug Jones will have a tough time defeating the popular former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville.

The rest of the competitive seats (Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Montana, and North Carolina) are all currently held by Republicans. Two of those seats are already predicted to flip, meaning Chuck Schumer’s team needs to win two of the four remaining tossup seats (three if Donald Trump is reelected). A Biden victory at the top of the ticket would all but ensure that Democrats have enough momentum to carry the Senate.

What does a Schumer-led Senate mean for Biden’s agenda? Only everything.

There is no doubt that, as Majority Leader, Chuck Schumer would tear up the Senate rulebook and get rid of the filibuster.

This little piece of arcane parliamentary procedure is a powerful protection of the rights of the minority party in the Senate by requiring a super majority to pass any controversial legislation.

By way of contrast, the U.S. House is run by majority rule. So, by definition, the majority party can pretty much do whatever it wants, as long as most of its members agree. For many years, pro-gun Democrats helped to keep that party in check when it came to gun rights, but those days are long gone.

Bill Clinton made 30-35 Democrats walk the electoral plank when then-Rep. Chuck Schumer and then-Sen. Joe Biden rammed through the Brady Bill and the so-called assault weapons ban in the 1990s.

Barack Obama finished off the “Blue Dog” Dems when ObamaCare passed without a single Republican vote. This means that in the current Congress, hardly any Democrats would vote against the most extreme gun control agenda.

We know this for sure because on February 27 this year, the House passed [H.R. 8](#), a Universal Background Check bill, with only TWO Democrats voting in opposition. Suffice it to say, a Democrat majority in the House can pass just about anything Nancy Pelosi wants.

Which brings us back to that funny little word, filibuster.

By requiring a super majority of sixty votes to pass legislation, this rule was designed to slow down the torrent of legislation that can come from the majority party in the House.

Or, as George Washington is said to have told Thomas Jefferson, “We pour our legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it.”

Under Schumer, the saucer will be smashed into a million pieces, and the Senate will be run just like the House. The Biden gun control agenda will have a green light to get through the Congress.

Furthermore, a Democrat majority will be able to alter the playing field and make it difficult for Republicans to ever take back that chamber.

On the table is a fifty-two state strategy that could “[permanently change the political map](#).” Simply by granting Washington, D.C., statehood status, Democrats would be guaranteed two additional senators. Statehood for Puerto Rico could mean an additional two senators, as well as five House seats.



Giffords gun control org founder and Arizona Senate candidate Mark Kelly
(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Meanwhile, amnesty for illegal immigrants will result in millions of new voters who, [according to a Pew poll](#), would vote for liberal, anti-gun Democrats by an 8-1 margin.

At that point, the road to victory for Senate Republicans, or any other party, will be steep indeed.

Pelosi's Anti-Second Amendment Factory



(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

We have already touched on how easy it is for the majority party to work its will in the U.S. House.

No legislation even gets to the floor for a vote unless it is blessed by the Speaker, and the current Speaker (not to mention those waiting in the wings to replace her) will push to ban guns.

In addition to passing H.R. 8, much of Pelosi's anti-gun agenda is laid out in [H.R. 5717](#), euphemistically named the "Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act of 2020."

This is an anti-gun wish list that, for the most part, mirrors Sleepy Joe's Second Amendment destruction plan.

Make no mistake. If the triumvirate of Biden-Pelosi-Schumer are in control, H.R. 5717 might be considered a warmup act for the damage to come.

SCOTUS and the Second Amendment

Last, but far from least, is the third, coequal branch of government.

On the judiciary to date, more than two hundred judges nominated by President Trump have been confirmed. On the whole, these judges have been more pro-gun than those appointed by the President's Republican predecessors.

But there is more work to do, particularly at the top.

We recently ran a [three-part series](#) on the danger looming for the Second Amendment at the Supreme Court. For the past decade, the Court has neglected the Second Amendment and therefore allowed the lower courts to, according to Justice Clarence Thomas, "[yield] analyses that are entirely inconsistent with *Heller*."

Even though five of the nine Justices on the Court were appointed by Republicans, the Second Amendment is slowly being eroded because the High Court refuses to hear any cases that would provide guidance to lower courts on *Heller* (which recognized the Second Amendment is a right held by individuals, and not a state militia) and *McDonald* (which incorporated the right to the states).

GOA is reviewing firearms-related decisions by virtually every nominee likely to be selected by President Trump for the Supreme Court in order to sound the alarm against any anti-Second Amendment jurist.

However, if Biden wins, he will follow in the footsteps of Obama and nominate activist justices who would leap at the chance to rewrite *Heller* and *McDonald*, and rubber stamp whatever comes out of an anti-gun Congress.

This is some, but by no means all, of what is at stake in the 2020 election.

Is this "the most important election in our lifetimes?" Could this really be "Armageddon" for gun rights? Let the reader decide.

But Second Amendment supporters must go into this election informed and with open eyes. [Register to vote](#), and make sure the millions of new gun owners are also registered. The stakes are simply too high for even a single gun owner to sit this one out.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

Upcoming Events

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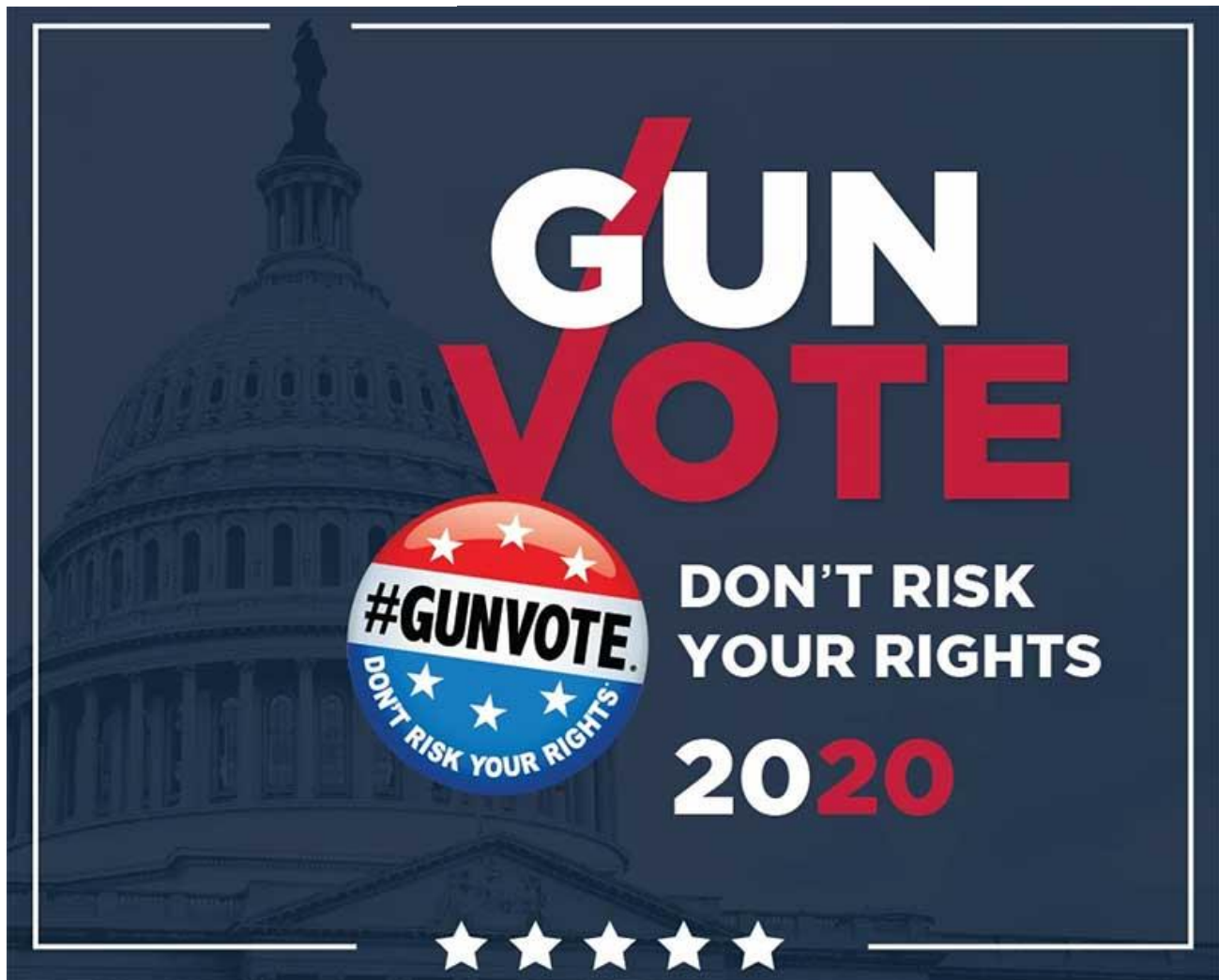
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Must be received by November 15th.
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- **WFO** and the **NRA** led the lobbying efforts for Right to Carry and The Shooting Ranges Protection Act.
- **WFO** provides Club and Range support for those 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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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!**

Youth Shooting Revolution—USA Clay Target League

by Kristen Voss



What started off as simple mentor program at a local gun club in Plymouth, MN, back in 2001 has become something greater than anyone could have ever imagined. Youth clay target shooting has experienced a boom in recent years unlike any other shooting sport. Since its humble beginnings as a program for youth seeking guidance on how to shoot clay targets, the USA High School and Clay Target League has matured to become a premier conduit for new scattergun shooters that are eager to compete against their peers.

The Minnesota School Clay Target League, which would eventually snowball into the USA High School and College Clay Target League, was founded by Jim Sable at the Plymouth Gun Club in 2001 as an after-school youth mentoring program. With simple intentions to recruit younger members to the gun club, it progressively became something more. When a nearby school district was searching for mentors to assist a teenager girl in learning the art of trap shooting, things really began to heat up.

What began with just one individual quickly turned into two, four and eventually an entire team.

With the popularity present, the League reached out to other area schools and helped them form teams so that competitions could be held. In 2008, once all required policies and procedures were met, the Minnesota State High School League was created in response to the growing interest of students in the sport. That first year there were only three teams and 30 students participating. By last year, there were a whopping 12,000 Minnesota teens competing on 349 clay target teams—now that's a major increase.

After the Minnesota State High School League took off, the USA High School Clay Target League was established in 2012 in order to expand to other states. Last year, the League introduced a college shooting program under the USA College Clay Target League banner. This new League will officially make its nationwide debut this September.

This clay target program has proven to be highly popular as one of the fastest-growing youth extracurricular activities in the U.S. with participation in 30 states. Today, the League boasts close to 30,000 student-athletes on over 900 teams expected to participate during the 2018-2019 school year.

And not only can the League boast of such great popularity, but it can also pride itself on being the safest sport available in schools today, with no reported injuries since the League's inception in 2001. Additionally, in order to participate each team must have the approval of their school's administration. Thus, the League is the only 100 percent school-approved clay target shooting program in the United States.

Available to boys, girls and also adaptive students in grades 6-12, the League allows participants the opportunity to compete on the same team and possibly make it to the State Championships for the ultimate recognition. The program therefore attracts student-athletes who have passed a comprehensive firearm safety education course to be a part of a "virtual" competition among high school teams throughout each state with minimal travel costs for families. Conferences are determined by team size rather than geographic location for fair competition and athletes earn scoring points as determined by their performance and ranking against all athlete score's within their team's conference. The team score and overall standing are tallied by adding the earned points from qualifying athletes which are subsequently posted on the League's website. Student-athletes and their families can track their individual and team performances on their computer or via mobile devices.

With the League's mission being safety, fun and marksmanship—in that order—the League always has safety as its number one priority. Everything the League does is in the best interest of the students, who reaping the benefits of the program and love every second of it. Undoubtedly, this program will continue to grow and more students will have the privilege of participating in one of the fastest growing sports for young people in the nation.

New explosive materials to bring nontoxic ammunition

Note to Journalists: For a copy of the paper, please contact Kayla Wiles, Purdue News Service, at wiles5@purdue.edu. Photos and video of the new explosive materials are available in a [Google Drive folder](#). Journalists visiting campus should follow [visitor health guidelines](#)



Matthew Gettings, a Purdue Ph.D. candidate, holds a cup containing silver salts, a new lead-free explosive. (Purdue University photo/Jared Pike)

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Every time a gun fires, lead leaches into the air. A scientific advancement could provide a comparable replacement for lead-based explosive materials found in ammunition, protecting soldiers and the environment from potential toxic effects.

Purdue University researchers, in collaboration with the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command's Army Research Laboratory, developed two new lead-free materials that function as primary explosives, which are used to ignite powder inside a gun cartridge.

The work, funded by the Army Research Office, appears in a paper published in [Chemistry – A European Journal](#).

“Right now, whenever you are shooting, you’re going to be spreading lead into the air around you,” said [Davin Piercey](#), a Purdue assistant professor of [materials engineering](#) and [mechanical engineering](#). “Any use of lead is going to end up polluting the environment in small amounts. The more lead you remove, the better it is for the environment.”

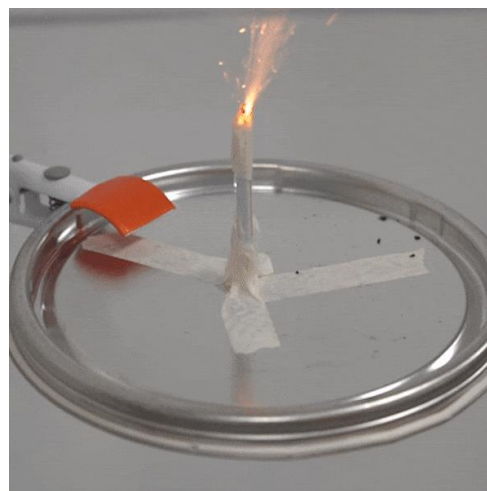
A [past study](#) found that people who have been shooting a lot could have elevated lead levels. But so far, the use of lead in explosives has been inevitable.

When a gun trigger is pulled, a metal firing pin strikes a cup containing a primary explosive. The force from the firing pin deforms the cup, crushing the primary explosive and causing it to detonate. This explosion sets off a secondary explosive that burns and helps complete the rest of the firing sequence, accelerating the bullet out of the gun.

Because primary explosives are found in the cartridge of just about anything that fires a bullet, the Army has been searching for solutions for many years to develop lead-free versions of these explosives that satisfy environmental regulations associated with lead contamination.

“The development of these materials provides a potential pathway toward lead-free technology,” said Jesse Sabatini, an Army researcher who led the project’s investigation of which molecules to use for these new materials.

What enables the materials to be lead-free is a chemical structure that has not been used in primary explosives before. One material is made of silver salts while the other material contains no metal at all – just the basic ingredients for an



An experimental test shows the ability of silver salts to detonate just as well as commonly-used primary explosives. (Purdue University video/Jared Pike)

explosive. These ingredients include carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and oxygen.

“Toxicity-wise, silver is an improvement over lead, but it’s still a little toxic. So we also made a nonmetal material that does not have heavy metal toxicity associated with it. Metal is dead weight, energetically speaking, and doesn’t contribute much to an actual explosion,” Piercey said.

The chemical structure used in these materials makes them very dense, meaning that only a small amount of either material would be needed to create an explosion.

Researchers at the Army Research Laboratory modeled these materials to get a sense of how explosive they would be. Piercey’s lab at the **Purdue Energetics Research Center (PERC)** made the materials and conducted experimental tests demonstrating that they work as primary explosives.

According to the researchers’ calculations, the materials they created have a detonation performance similar to or higher than commonly-used primary explosives.

The CCDC-Armaments Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, is interested in exploring these compounds for primary explosive-based applications for bullets and gun propellants. Purdue and Army researchers will continue to gather the data needed for determining which lead-based weapons systems these materials can replace.

“At PERC, our theme is ‘molecules to munitions.’ Our labs can do everything from designing and testing molecules to formulating and manufacturing those molecules into a useful compound,” said **Steve Beaudoin**, director of PERC and a Purdue professor of **chemical engineering**.

“Our partners can then take that useful compound and put it into a warhead, missile, rocket or whatever it needs to be.”

A provisional patent has been filed for this technology (track code 2020-PIER-69143) through the **Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization**.

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Tetrazole Azasydnone (C₂N₇O₂H) And Its Salts: High-Performing Zwitterionic Energetic Materials Containing A Unique Explosophore

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We report the first compound containing both a tetrazole and an azasydnone ring, a unique energetic material. Several energetic salts of the tetrazole azasydnone were synthesized and characterized, leading to the creation of new secondary and primary explosives. Molecular structures are confirmed by ¹H and ¹³C NMR, IR spectroscopy, and X-ray crystallographic analysis. The high heats of formation, fast detonation velocities, and straight-forward synthesis of energetic azasydnone should capture the attention of future energetics research.