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Requiring serial numbers on all firearms may appear reasonable on the surface, but in practice, it poses a serious threat to the Second Amendment and infringes upon the rights of law-abiding Americans. The right to keep and bear arms was never meant to be dependent on registration, traceability, or government permission. Mandatory serial numbers turn a constitutional right into a regulated privilege—and that is unacceptable. I Shouldn't have to keep defending my right after so much has been given for my country but here I am, and I will be ashamed if I didn't voice what needed to be said.

For centuries, Americans have built, inherited, and passed down firearms without government interference or forced identification. Sadly, those right have been under attack. The concept of privately made firearms commonly referred to as 'ghost guns' is not new. Home gunsmithing has long been part of American tradition and self-reliance. Requiring serial numbers on all firearms effectively criminalizes this tradition and creates a legal trap for citizens who are not causing harm, just exercising their rights.

Worse, it opens the door for registration, tracking, and ultimately confiscation. A serial number is only useful to the government if it's linked to a database. This leads to de facto registries—something explicitly rejected by the Founders, and rightly so. History, both domestic and global, shows that gun registration is a precursor to gun confiscation. And when disarmament happens, tyranny often follows.

Criminals, of course, do not care about serial numbers. They file them off, buy stolen weapons, or manufacture illegal firearms anyway. But under these laws, it is the law-abiding citizen who gets punished, the hunter restoring an old heirloom rifle, the hobbyist building a firearm for sport, the individual simply trying to exercise their God given right without bureaucratic oversight but yet here we are.

The Second Amendment doesn't say 'the right of the people to keep and bear serialized arms.' It says 'arms,' period. Forcing serial numbers on every firearm is a form of backdoor control, disguised as safety. It does not stop crime—it only makes criminals out of honest Americans.

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