

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSE LEGISLATION S.51001/A.41001 OR ANY FURTHER REGULATIONS TO BE IMPOSED ON RESPONSIBLE AND LEGAL GUN OWNERS

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2022, New York State Legislature enacted Senate Bill S.51001 and Assembly Bill A.41001, which among other things, makes obtaining and retaining a concealed carry gun permit an overly involved and lengthy burdensome process; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors is responsible for over 67,000 Residents in Madison County, many of whom are conceal carry permit holders and have been for many years; and

WHEREAS, many Madison County Residents also enjoy the sport of hunting and target shooting; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature rolled through legislation in two days with no public input or discussion on new pistol, gun and ammunition restrictions, making it harder to obtain and retain gun and pistol permits, and ammunition for law abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, among the most onerous of its provisions, it makes it a felony for any individual who has a valid concealed carry permit to bring a handgun to ANY New York State Park, house of worship and restaurants, where residents, businesses and municipalities operate, live, work, socialize, worship and pay taxes; and

WHEREAS, this legislation makes the public less safe by expanding and advertising the number of gun free zones and in doing so further penalizes valid concealed carry permit holders who abide by existing rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors consider this law to be an unconstitutional infringement upon our Second Amendment right for law abiding citizen's to bear arms and an overt infringement upon freedom and liberty in New York State, which will not resolve the problems of crime and illegal firearms; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health has become a concern in everyday life and has played a significant role in the recent increase in mass shootings and gun violence; and

WHEREAS, New York State Bail Reform has also played a significant role in recent gun violence and public safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors is strongly against any new or current gun control legislation that punishes, or is punitive in nature to current pistol permit holders, legal Madison County firearms dealers as well as legal Madison County gun owners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors recognizes that Mental Health plays a significant role in gun safety as well as public safety and supports better mental health screening of any new pistol permit applicants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Madison County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Dated: August 9, 2022

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman

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Government Operations Committee

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