

House Concurrent Resolution No. 50

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHAM.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States has indicated that the regulation
2 of firearms by state and local governments is often permissible; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, state and local governments holding information on the ownership and use
5 of firearms is essential to the formation of a well-regulated militia and does not infringe an
6 individual's right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the
7 United States; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, federal law 18 U.S.C. Section 926, the "Firearm Owners Protection Act",
10 impedes the ability of states to maintain information on firearm use and ownership; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the retention of information regarding firearm ownership by state and local
13 governments is a reasonable and narrowly-tailored method for achieving the compelling interests
14 of:

15 (1) Ensuring proper access to firearms by the unorganized militia;

16 (2) Creating a safe society in which firearm crimes are more easily combated; and

17 (3) Reducing the number of citizen deaths from firearm violence; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, firearm crime and violence should be addressed at the state and local level
20 by the most efficient and effective means possible; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the differing cultures and geographies of states cause different needs of
23 firearm regulation among the states, and one nationwide policy is an inappropriate means to
24 address these different needs; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the Firearms Owners Protection Act limits states' ability to regulate
27 firearms, but it does not prevent the federal government from infringing a state's ability or an
28 individual's right to keep and bear arms:

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30 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
31 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
32 concurring therein, hereby urge the Congress of the United States to repeal the Firearm Owners
33 Protection Act and urge the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, to sign
34 such legislation to repeal the Firearm Owners Protection Act; and

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
38 President and Vice President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of
39 the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,
40 and each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

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