

Joe Peters - Republican for Attorney General

A cop & career prosecutor for AG

Pro-2A Position Statement

- **An 'A' rating from NRA**
- **Recommended by Firearm Owners Against Crime PAC (FOACPAC)**

As the Commonwealth Court so eloquently stated: “Though the United States Supreme Court has only recently recognized “that individual self-defense is ‘the central component’ of the Second Amendment right, *McDonald*, — U.S. at —, 130 S.Ct. at 3036 (emphasis omitted) (quoting *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 599, 128 S.Ct. 2783), *the right to bear arms in defense of self has never seriously been questioned in this Commonwealth.*” *Caba v. Weaknecht*, 64 A.3d 39, 58 (Pa. Cmwlth. Ct. 2013) (emphasis added).

Consistent with an Attorney General’s oath and obligation to defend the Pennsylvania Constitution, I will remain steadfast in protection of Pennsylvania’s Second Amendment provision, known as Article 1, Section 21. As set forth in Section 25, this right is inviolate or otherwise, inalienable. In this vein, as Attorney General, I will:

1. Ardently defend your inalienable right to keep and bear arms, consistent with Article 1, Section 21;
2. Reach out to other states to obtain new reciprocity agreements in relation to Pennsylvania licenses to carry firearms (“LTCF”) and work on reinstating the reciprocity agreements that Attorney General Kathleen Kane revoked and/or modified;
3. Determine whether the LTCF applicant process is uniform throughout the Commonwealth, as required by the law;
4. Hold municipalities and Commonwealth agencies responsible for violating state preemption and disclosing confidential LTCF applicant information. In this regard, regardless of whether the offender is a local public official or a Commonwealth official, I will take immediate corrective action;
5. Work with the General Assembly on issues relating to mental health so that those desiring help can obtain it without concern for automatically losing their right to keep and bear arms and ensuring that the Mental Health and Procedures Act complies with all requisite state and federal due process requirements;
6. Make sure that the Pennsylvania State Police is, consistent with the law, destroying the application/record of sale form within 72 hours of receipt and whether it is properly and accurately maintaining record of dealers’ firearm sale surcharge submissions;
7. Issue legal determinations or guidance where the law is vague or otherwise unclear;
8. Seek the maximum sentence permitted by law relating to all violent criminal offenders; and
9. Most importantly, protect and defend all Constitutional Rights of the People.