



PROTECTING YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT

The plain language of the Constitution "shall not be infringed"

Sen. Thune has spent decades fighting to defend the constitutional right of South Dakotans to "keep and bear arms." With South Dakota's strong outdoor heritage, many depend on firearms to carry on this tradition. Sen. Thune believes the plain language of the Second Amendment guarantees the right of law-abiding citizens to own firearms and guards against any policies that would suspend or curtail someone's right without due process. While the government must keep criminals and high-risk individuals from obtaining and using firearms, it must not impose new burdens on law-abiding Americans in an attempt to curtail legal gun ownership.

Highlights of Sen. Thune's Commitment to Protecting the Second Amendment

Introduced Legislation to Permit Concealed Carry Across State Lines:

The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act would [guarantee the rights](#) of gun owners to carry concealed weapons across state lines in accordance with the laws of individual states that allow concealed carry.

Opposes Federal Overreach, Including Gun Owner Databases:

Sen. Thune is an original cosponsor of the [Gun-Owner Registration Information Protection Act](#), a bill to prohibit states, localities, or any other organization from using federal funding to maintain gun registries.

Protected South Dakota Hunters From a Prohibition on Lead Ammunition:

A portion of Sen. Thune's bipartisan [Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act](#) was enacted, prohibiting the EPA from regulating the lead content of ammunition and saving hunters and sportsmen from more expensive ammunition.

Protecting Military Families' Second Amendment Rights:

Sens. Thune [introduced](#) legislation to allow military spouses to purchase handguns in the state that their husband or wife is permanently stationed for duty.