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I have received numerous phone calls, e-mails, and in person questions from citizens who are concerned about their Second Amendment Rights. I would like to share with you my position on the Second Amendment, which I am a staunch supporter of. During my 30+ year career I have been committed to the safety and security of our citizens.

In 1982, I took an oath prescribed by the Kentucky Constitution to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In addition to that oath, every Sheriff swears to an additional oath, required by state statute. Furthermore, the first page of our policy and procedure manual is the Bill of Rights.

Every Deputy Sheriff has taken these oaths to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I do not believe the Federal Government or any individual in the Federal Government has the right to dictate to the states, counties or municipalities any mandate, regulation or administrative rule that violates the United States Constitution or its various amendments. I would view any such mandate, regulation or administrative rule illegal and refuse to carry it out.

Respectfully,

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