



St. Clair County Republican Party

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RESPONSE TO SENATE BILLS 76-86 (GUN RESTRICTION/RED FLAG LAWS)

The flurry of bills being presented in both chambers give us indication that current leadership has no intention to seek to their constituents or even give the time to process the ramifications of the bills they are submitting. We have seen this ‘ramrod’ type of legislating before and it never ends well. The bill always comes due and it is the People that are left holding the bags.

After the tragedy of what happened earlier this month at Michigan State University, the Democrats wasted no time in creating legislation that **does NOTHING but hinder law abiding citizens** in their right to self-preservation, restricting them from protecting their families, their property, and themselves. Current laws should have put this criminal behind bars and prevented this travesty, but prosecutors more concerned with charged political ideology put him on probation instead. Even students have asked to **“let them defend themselves”** in a message on campus. We must stop trying to put Band-Aids on tragedies with knee-jerk reactions in legislation. Just ask if the “gun free zone” law prevented this criminal from creating havoc on campus.

Criminals do not abide by the law, no matter how restrictive, no matter the language of the law, no matter how many pages of paper you print it on. Unfortunately, **weak prosecutors** more concerned with **woke agendas** have decided the subverting recommended punishment for convictions is the “fair and equitable” thing to do. Now, innocent lives are lost and we have disingenuous legislators grandstanding to the media, whose **ultimate goal is to ban guns** and to introduce legislation to take away the rights of the People. To disarm law abiding citizens, leaving them unprotected is something we cannot stand idly by and allow.

It is with great recognition of our **God given right to self-preservation** for all peoples. In complete understanding that our 2nd Amendment Right to “keep and bear arms” as an **absolute** right. That the words **“Shall Not Be Infringed”** are clear and unwavering. That **We, The People** have the ultimate authority over all government entities granted to us in Article 1 Section 1 of the Michigan Constitution. It is on these premises and others that the **St. Clair County Republican Party demands legislators to VOTE NO** with extreme prejudice against this unconstitutional and dangerous packet of gun restriction laws.

In Faith, Liberty, and in Defense of our God Given Rights,

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