

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights DOES NOT protect your right to own or possess firearms! The Second Amendment only allows you to use a firearm while in the National Guard!

That is the publicly stated position of the Clinton-Gore Justice Department. This position was not whispered in some back-room meeting -- it was stated in open court in a case now before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The appellate court is hearing the government's appeal of U.S. v. Emerson, a Texas case resulting from a divorce action that resulted in Dr. Timothy Joe Emerson being indicted by a federal grand jury. Emerson was in violation of

the Lautenberg Amendment -- the local court had placed a restraining order against him, making it against federal law for him to possess a firearm.

In April 1999, U.S. District Court Judge Sam Cummings ruled that this law was an unconstitutional infringement of the "individual right to bear arms."

Cummings set aside the indictment, and in doing so, struck a grievous blow to the gun prohibitionists. Of course, the government appealed the decision. Now, if Cummings' decision is upheld on appeal, not only will the Lautenberg Amendment be invalidated, hundreds of gun laws will be in jeopardy of being struck down.

We're all holding our breath awaiting the Court of Appeals' ruling, especially since the most significant bit of information to come out of the case is the on-record position of "our" government on the Second Amendment. The following exchange is from the transcript of the oral arguments:

Judge William L. Garwood: "You are saying that the Second Amendment is consistent with a position that you can take guns away from the public? You can restrict ownership of rifles, pistols and shotguns from all people? Is that the position of the United States?"

Assistant U.S. Attorney William B. Mateja: "Yes."

Garwood: "Is it the position of the United States that persons who are not in the National Guard are afforded no protections under the Second Amendment?"

Mateja: "Exactly."

Mateja then argued that even membership in the National Guard would not qualify an individual to possess firearms.

Garwood: "Membership in the National Guard isn't enough? What else is needed?"

Mateja: "The weapon in question must

be used IN the National Guard."

That pretty much disqualifies your Model 70, your Model 700, your Marlin 336, your Perazzi, your Weatherby, your Anschutz, or your Merkel from protection under the Second Amendment, now doesn't it? And you thought the government was only after those nasty high-capacity handguns and "assault weapons." But you didn't have any of those, so you weren't worried. For the terminally clueless, let me spell it out -- IT'S LONG PAST TIME TO START WORRYING. IT'S TIME TO ACT!

Your deer rifle and your duck gun are on the same "to-confiscate" list as all handguns, "assault" rifles and "sniper"

rifles. It makes no difference what your gun looks like, the official position of the Clinton-Gore administration (which will continue under Gore if he's elected) is that YOU have NO right to own it.

You can continue to hide in your duck or deer blind and pretend that you're not a target. Keep pretending, right up until that day when the government looks at the roster of hunting licenses (you know, the infamous "list" you don't want to be on by joining the NRA) and comes to your house to confiscate your "thutty-thutty."

Oh, you'll fight? You'll give up your gun when they pry it from your cold, dead

fingers? Bullshit. If you won't fight now by spending a few bucks on the NRA, why should I believe that you'll be willing to spend your BLOOD later? I don't know about you, but I'd much rather fight to keep them from taking my rights away at the ballot box instead of trying to get them back by fighting in the street.

What can you do? First, if you're not already registered, register to vote. Second, join the NRA, today. Third, and most important, tell all your hunting and skeet-shooting buddies that they need to do the same if they want to keep eating pheasant, duck and venison. This is not just a fight to keep politically incorrect "weapons," it's a fight to keep ALL

firearms, AND the freedom our forefathers won with firearms.

You MUST pull your head out of the sand (or wherever else you have it) long enough to understand these points:

1. The Emerson case IS going to the Supreme Court. The losing side will appeal and the Supreme Court will ultimately decide the case. (Even if they decide not to hear it.)

2. If the Clinton-Gore Justice Department wins before the Supreme Court, your rights will be gone before the ink dries on their ruling.

3. If Gore wins the election he will

appoint justices who will rule for the government.

4. If that happens, it will be because MOST gun owners don't vote.

This is the single most important election in our lifetime. If you don't make your vote count, if you piss your vote away on a "protest vote" for a third-party candidate like Pat Buchanan or Jesse Ventura or maybe a write-in vote for Ross Perot, then you are probably too stupid to own a firearm anyway.

For more information, visit the following websites:

<http://www.saf.org/>,

<http://www..keepandbeararms.com/>,

<http://www.nra.org/>

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