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The Civillian Secretary of Police  
Pretoria

Personal Attention: Mr M Ntwana

Dear Sir,

### **DRAFT AMENDMENT BILL: FIREARMS CONTROL ACT 60 OF 2000**

As part of the comments prepared by SA Hunters on the draft Amendment Bill SA Hunters prepared a petition for consideration by members on the purpose of the amendments. The wording of the petition reads as follows:

*Protect YOUR civil right to firearm ownership by joining the South African Hunters and Game Conservation Association (SA Hunters) in challenging the objective of proposed amendments to the Firearms Control Bill and definitions contained therein.*

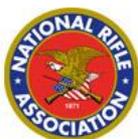
*Critical to this challenge is the change in the way the objective of the Fire Arms control act is described. Currently the legislation stipulates that the purpose of the bill is to enhance the constitutional rights to life and bodily integrity which is viewed as an enabling piece of legislation protecting and promoting citizens' rights. The proposed description of the objective of this bill is to ensure restrictive access to firearms by civilians, to ensure public order, to secure and protect civilians and to comply with regional and international instruments on firearms control which changes the tonality of this legislation to limiting access to firearm ownership.*

*The proposed description of the objective clearly sets the scene to deny citizens' of their civil right to own a Section 13 firearm for self defense purposes (i.e. to enhance the constitutional rights to life and bodily integrity).*

The petition was signed by **35 153** (online) and **221** (hard copies) individual signatories in support thereof. Attached hereto please find a full list of all the signatories who as individuals signed the petition.

In addition to the petition provision was created for individuals to also provide some written comments. The comments received are provided in detail below.

1. **Andries Jakobus Grobler:**  
To protect me and my family against criminals.
2. **Clyde McHugh:**  
I am signing this because I as a law abiding citizen and responsible gunowner, disagree with this Draft firearms amendment bill.
3. **Michael Konig:**  
SAP cant protect themselves in Gauteng and Kwazulu-natal during burtn down of Infrastructure and Shopping Malls - call SADF to protect them!!
4. **Jan Coetzee:**  
I am a dedicated hunter and sport shooter and need my firearms.
5. **Gideon Carstens:**  
The proposed alterations are Ludacris. No one can be expected to defend themselves and their property against armed attacks without arming themselves. Loading of ammunition is important for



accuracy and sport shooters because it helps to keep costs to the affordable level for everybody, not only for a certain group.

6. Marius Joubert:  
Dit is vir my baie belangrik om my kosbaarste besittings nl. my families te beskerm
7. Frank Scheepers:  
I have the constitutional and common law right to protect my life and property as well as those of others.
8. Frederik du Preez:  
My freedom and my rights as a citizen of South Africa
9. Bonnie Freyer:  
1 Dit ontnem my van die reg om myself en my familie te beskerm.  
2 Die Polisie is nie in staat om my te beskerm nie, soos gesien in Natal.
10. Hannes van Eeden:  
Have the right to defend myself
11. Theodore de Beer:  
The Gov and the Minister should focus their efforts and attention to the REAL problem which is criminals, crime and the criminal element in society. Further to execute their mandate to protect and serve the public interest as opposed to disarming and restricting legal gun ownership. Statistics have shown that the majority of guns used in crimes have been sourced from the SAPS & SANDF and NOT from private gun owners.
12. Jonathan van Vuuren:  
Your ammendments are with false pretences and I agree with self protection
13. Marius Coetzer:  
We have the right to protect our self and loved ones and to protect our property.
14. Frans de Winnaar:  
I am signing because I believe that I have the right to protect myself. I am a law-abiding citizen, and crime is out of control in our beloved country.
15. Cornelius van Tonder:  
If we as responsible citizens of South Africa cannot own and/or collect firearms, or are not allowed to participate in firearm sport shooting or hunting (including reloading ammunition) it will be a sad day for a proud tradition. What is more, the criminals who have guns will not hand in their firarms. They will have a field day robbing, raping and killing law abiding citizens. If the government is of the opinion that the above is an over statement, let minister Cele start by replacing his multiple bodyguards' firearms with knob kieries and spears (with a limited blade length).
16. Jaco Saaiman:  
I am signing because it is my rite to protect my life and those in my family from vilont crime
17. Cornelis van Tonder:  
I value my freedom to protect myself in a crime ridden country, and to be able to hunt and collect firearms, some of which are in our family for generations. In addition I acquired some firearms that have great personal value to me due their and my history as an officer in the South African Defense Force.
18. Roy van Schoor:  
I completely disagree with the proposed legislation as 1) It undermines our constructional right to life and 2) It will NOT ensure public order.
19. Mario Jacobs:

If you cannot protect yourself, you are doomed. How long does it take for help to arrive after you phoned?

20. Hannes van Eeden:  
Signing because we have the right to protect ourselves in a country where crime is out of control.
21. Catherine Jacobs:  
I hereby sign this petition supporting the right of citizens of South Africa to be able to defend ourselves with a firearm against all the rampant and government supported criminals and crime. We deserve to protect our lives as tax paying law abiding citizens.
22. Izak Jacobs van der Merwe:  
I'm signing this petition because I have the right to own a firearm.
23. Adri Janse van Rensburg:  
I don't believe the police can protect us and why should I have less rights than criminals. I need to be able to protect my self and family
24. Eric Janse van Rensburg:  
I believe that owning a firearm is a necessity whether it is for hunting or sports sportshooting or self defence
25. Wynand Schoonwinkel:  
We need firearms for protection and hunting
26. Ugo Folgore:  
We have a right to protect ourselves as we live in a violent country where the criminals have more rights than law abiding citizens and where illegal fire arms are easy to come by
27. Martin Fox:  
I believe in the right to self defense when the government cannot protect me
28. Hendrik van der Elst:  
Self protection is a human right. It is as simple as that.
29. Ben J van Vuuren:  
I sign the petition ,as it is my right as a SA citizen to protect my self  
I am law abiding citizen
30. Jan Fourie:  
It prohibit me to defend myself, and my family. It is a senseless, useless change to a law that require no change at all. I reject the proposal in it's entirety.
31. Allen Richard Kemp:  
Because of the lack of the abilities of our government , SAP and SANDF to be able to protect us civilians
32. Oloff Horn:  
I reject all the new proposals to change the existing firearm laws.  
I have a right to defend myself as a farmer, that is left to my own defences since the police are unable to do so.  
I also feel that the person should be licensed and not the firearm(like motorvehicles and driving liceses).
33. John Oberholster:  
I believe that we all have the right to protect and defend ourselves and families against all criminal activities.
34. Dawie Fourie:

Current unrest and looting just emphasize that all law abiding citizens should be allowed fire arms to protect themselves and their property, given that government so dismally fails to fulfill its duties in this regard.

35. Richard Schreuder:  
I need to protect myself,my family,my workers and my business
36. Santina Desogus:  
I don't feel protected without a weapon.
37. Warren Church:  
I'm against the bill  
In totality.
38. Alexander Havenga:  
I am signing this petition because I believe every citizen should have the right to protect them self and their families from attacks on their lives.
39. Thys Uys:  
I am against the proposed bill in it's entirety  
If the SAPS did it's work perhaps none of this would have happened
40. Johann Grobler:  
It is time that government start dealing with the real issue, illegal guns. Legal guns are not the problem. Get rid of illegal guns and deal with criminals, the law abiding citizens are not the problem. Licence the person,register the gun.
41. Kunan Shields:  
I believe we should have a right to arm and protect ourselves
42. Annelize Ras:  
Its against my civil rights and takes away the opportunity to protect myself and loved ones.
43. Derek Loggenberg:  
Its against my civil rights and takes away the opportunity to protect myself and loved ones.
44. Adri de Lange:  
I have the right to protect myself and my loved ones. I am a law abiding citizen but in this country the law doesn't protect me and the criminals just do as they please.
45. Havilland Linde:  
I certainly need to defend my family at the time of attack, because most attacks nowadays is with weapons.....
46. Hendrik van der Elst:  
As police is unable to protect the citizens, self defense is a necessity. Everybody knows that burglars and the like come with 3-4 people, armed with guns and using them. Legal arms possession is not a problem, ILLEGAL arms are and NO law will inhibit illegal arms possession. Better license a person instead of an arm. Persons can be dangerous, not arms as such.
47. Mark Dabner:  
We have the right to protection, whilst our crime is out of control. Police need to look at their own backyard when they have no control of their own firearms and police members are selling firearms to criminals. They need to be prosecuted.
48. Bruce Gardner:  
The current placing of spikes on our roads means we can get broken down and attacked ! How are we to protect our families and ourselves without firearms because this happens far away from towns and police stations? This is just one of many examples where we need our legal firearms!

49. Lourens de Bruyn:  
The police is unable to defend us or deal with applications. This law is nothing but a way to make their workload less. Not a way to prevent gun crime.
50. Allen Victor:  
I am against the proposed amendment to the firearms act and I need a firearm for self defence to protect myself and my family
51. Hugo van Rensburg:  
No to the firearm control act!
52. Letitia Grundling:  
We have a right to life, if another attacks you and threatens that basic right, what do you have to defend your right? This is a basic right, especially in a country like SA.
53. Geprge Petrou:  
The police cant protect us so we have to protect our selves
54. Martin Weyers:  
It is my right to protect myself and my family.
55. Chris Grobbelaar:  
The police cannot protect us and has failed their constitutional duty and mandate. In a country with one of the highest murder and rape rates, government thinks it well to disarm the legal law abiding citizen instead of focussing on the floodgate of illegal firearms in criminal hands, leaving the citizenry of South Africa defenceless and as lambs to the slaughter. I smell an agenda of disarmament so government can take from their citizenry what they like without any resistance...this will end in genocide...the African way.
56. Raymond Payne:  
I'm signing this petition because I'm against the new gun law, We as ordinary South Africans citizens has the right to defend ourselves and our families against dangers that threatens our lives and the lives of our children families and friends as well Thank You
57. Dan Govender:  
I support the right to have a firearm for self-defense.
58. Clayton Sanders-Perin:  
In a beautiful country where even our government are criminals, it shouldn't even be considered this reckless amendment
59. Gideon Burger:  
Police cannot fulfill their mandate, they cannot protect me in my rural area. I need means to defence of myself and my family.
60. Robert van Dijk:  
As a retired person I need to protect myself at home. I cannot take on multiple criminals buy a gun does level the field somewhat. It is not the law abiding people that are the problem, it is the unlicensed weapon the criminal has that is the problem.
61. Philip Fourie:  
I don't agree that crime will decrease with the removal of licensed firearms, contrary we will have a massive increase in violence.  
The police admitted that they are unable to fulfill their mandate. The only buffer between a failed state and a prosperous country is a armed law abiding citizen.
62. Carl Kleynhans:  
After having laid eyes upon the draft amendment Bill which has breathed life into this letter - I wish to address my serious concerns with the content thereof in a rational format.

## 1. The proposal that persons may no longer licence firearms for defensive purposes

In the Republic of South Africa - there are, amidst other serious concerns, frequent infringements of our Constitutional Rights to Life, Safety and Security and Bodily Integrity by experienced and motivated criminals who attach very little value to our rights whilst perpetrating violent and brutal crimes against the law-abiding sector of our citizenry on a mass scale and on a daily basis.

Whilst I, as a lawful firearm owner and defensive handgun carrier, note the fact that firearm ownership per the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000 is not a right but a legislatively conferred privilege, it must be noted that section 13 of the Act identifies the fact that a firearm in the hands of a private citizen (acquired through lawful means) is an effective and proportionate force multiplication measure to enhance the prospects of overcoming a violent and unlawful attack which has commenced or is imminent against the life of a person.

Why, in a Country where we, the law-abiding citizens, are being slaughtered in our homes, parks, shopping centres and in public in general - would any State official sit idly by and recommend that we be stripped and deprived of lawful mechanisms to defend ourselves?

It is trite that we live in one of the most dangerous Countries in the World (where extreme and violent contact crime is rife) and it is further immensely concerning that SAPS, the custodians of our horrific crime statistics, would ever even contemplate proposing that lawful defensive firearm ownership, as envisaged at s13 of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000, be "removed".

I appeal to those considering these proposed amendments to research the crime statistics in their residential areas, the Provinces and South Africa in general and I further appeal to them to consider the chilling violent, brutal and merciless crimes perpetrated by CRIMINALS against us, the innocent law-abiding citizens, every day.

Further, our South African Police Service and Private Security Industry, whilst doing what they can - will ALWAYS remain a REACTION service to emergency call-outs. The nature of violent contact crime in South Africa does not allow for any delay in response and every second that goes by once an attack has commenced or is imminent may be that one second too long and that second may cost you your life before help arrives.

The most effective lawful means to repelling/stopping an unlawful and deadly attack against one's person which is imminent or which has commenced is through the use of IMMEDIATE, lawful, adequate and proportionate force. This is given effect by section 13 of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000. It cannot be taken away from us.

A firearm remains a defensive tool. Whatever it is that concerns those behind these sinister amendment proposals about civilian firearm ownership MUST REMEMBER that the gross majority of gun violence in South Africa is perpetrated by CRIMINALS. CRIMINALS AS A BROAD BUT ACCURATE RULE DO NOT USE LAWFUL FIREARMS LICENCED TO THEM TO PERPETRATE ROBBERIES, HIJACKINGS AND MURDERS.

By removing s13 of the Firearms Control Act and defensive firearm ownership as a concept - it will be a cognitive move against the protection of our fundamental Rights to Life, Safety and Security and Bodily Integrity - which, with respect and if you read the daily news, is not being protected by SAPS or private security (the South African citizenry is faced with horrific and brutal attacks in our homes and in public every day).

The focus is being misplaced and we need to use our National resources to combat crime - not tighten the noose around the law-abiding sector's neck.

South Africa has a CRIME PROBLEM. NOT A GUN PROBLEM.

63. Anton Joubert:

I am fully against the new proposed laws in its entire format.

64. Thokozani Tamela:

I want to keep my right to private defense.

65. Steven Bernard van Staden:

It is patently clear that the ostensible function of the draft bill is impossible to achieve. It makes sense to continue to license guns to responsible, law-abiding citizens. The violent criminals will always have access to guns - this is the case all over the world, the most recent example being illicit guns entering the UK in spite of strict controls and laws. South Africa has a large and increasing criminal fraternity with an undeniable propensity to violence. It is murderous to envisage disarming responsible, law-abiding citizens who have no alternative viable means of defending themselves and their families and other innocents. In the impossible scenario of criminals having no guns, they would use other lethal weapons. Knives are the preferred weapon in such cases. How can an ordinary family at home protect themselves against a break-in by violent criminals, whatever weapons the latter carry? A gun is the most viable means of self defence. At the time of an attack, the victim is alone and it is his or her right to life and to repel a violent criminal attack. There is no means other than a gun with which to do this effectively.

66. Jacqueline Killassy:

Although I personally don't own or use a gun myself; I do believe strongly in all South African citizens infallible & inherent human rights to own & use guns as a means of self-protection. Our government wants to screw around with our Constitutional rights to bare arms so that when the time comes it'll be that much easier for them to enact & enforce their plans for genocide. This is pure unadulterated evil at its best!

67. Gert Engelbrecht:

I'm a hunter and recreational sports shooter. That is passion I have. It is just like people getting a kick out of spreading false info on Facebook. I also work at night on farms and in the field. The police can say what they want, they can't be at a place where suspicious activity is taking place, let's say 40km from the nearest town, with in seconds to prevent a murder or attack from taking place. I only have seconds to decide what to do to protect my self when the need arises. That is why I need to have a fire arm.

68. Leon Rheeder:

1: The first line of safety and security of my loved ones and property is my responsibility.

2: I am a law abiding citizen and not a convinced criminal. Therefore me and my firearms pose no threat to anybody but to those who seek to threaten my live and that of my loved ones

3: Firearms is a part of my culture for many years and I hunt as my finances permit.

4: I enjoy the sport of shooting, stripping me of the right to reload my own ammunition will strip me of the right to reload cheaper ammunition for hunting, and self defence and the ability to hone and increase my level of marksmanship for hunting and increased proficiency in handling and discharging my handgun, should I be confronted one day with a situation where it will be my last resort to use it to prevent bodily harm or save my life and the lives of my loved ones.

The more legal proficient private firearm owner there are, the lower the serious crimes will become. The current system of being approved to own firearms and then still apply for every firearm to be licenced is double work. There should be a new system where the person must be licenced and firearms purchased only registered against such person.

69. Lenie Gleave:

Ek het die grondwetlike reg om myself in n noodsituasie waar my lewe bedreig word te beskerm en GEEN persoon het die reg om my daardie reg te ontnem nie.

70. Xian van Niekerk:

It is my right to protect myself against someone who owns an illegal firearm that the police can't catch

71. Grant Pitamber:

I'm signing because I have a right to protect myself and my family and nobody can take that away.

72. Jacquis Pfaff:

Criminals are armed with guns and ready to hurt us. We need to be able to protect ourselves and our families.

73. Jacques le Roux:  
No to the proposed act. Rather sort out SAPS and illegal firearms
74. Vimal Tuckooriah:  
We have a right to defend ourselves and our families from criminals.
75. Richard Murphy:  
As South African citizens and further in terms of the constitution we have a right to protect ourselves which includes our families living with us to be safe. This is a basic right and has to be upheld by the constitution of South Africa at all times. The right to own a firearm for self defense is imperative in the times we are living. Stop Beke Cele from trying to push through changes that potentially will prohibit the competent people from owning a firearm. He has very poor and fragile and incorrect information at hand to even suggest that the private individual cannot own a firearm... its pathetic...
76. Dylan Barron:  
Impossible for Saps to cover every base and respond to crime. Disarming citizens is putting our lives at greater risk than it already is. Disarm criminals, fix Saps and increase prosecution as the first point of call. Fix the CFR by licencing the person and register the firearm. Then extend the rules to ban ownership when convicted of a violent crime and extend renewal to double current timeframe.
77. Willem Fick:  
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78. Brian Govender:  
I totally reject the proposed amendments of the FCA in its entirety. I fully support the "License the Person - Register the Firearm"
79. David Baloyi:  
I'm signing this petition because I'm 100% against the proposed amendment bill and believe it's a violation of our safety in this unsafe country, if SAPS cannot protect us and we are the first responder to crime why take away our firearms, why are we the sacrifice
80. Leon Fourie:  
I have a right to protect myself. In a country where crime is rife, and the police not able to protect the citizens, it is my right to do it myself. I have licenses for my guns, I have never been negligent with my guns and I have never been found guilty on any account of misuse of guns, violence or such. I am an responsible citizen, and therefore have the right to own a gun to protect myself when necessary.
81. Gordon du Plessis:  
I believe that firearms are crucial for self defence/right to life as well as sport shooting and hunting for those who choose those hobbies. The government is incapable of protecting my family and it falls on me to do so myself.
82. Jean Loots:  
I do believe that we have the right to defend ourselves as clearly see the past few days that the SAPS can not do that... they can not even arrest an old man that was sentenced to jail for 15 months... so I feel the only way to keep my family safe is to have a firearm to defend ourselves when needed... I believe to rather have a gun and never need to use it to not have a gun and need it...
83. Jean-Pierre Lombard:  
I am in process of finding myself a suitable firearm for personal use and can not believe that this country can't see they getting it all wrong please please do not pass this bill save Sa save ourselves
84. Jaco Swart:

I need a fire arm to protect myself and my family from criminals in South Africa the criminals are very arrogant and they do murder people in South Africa very vigorously and therefore it is My Right to possess a firearm for self-defense

85. Tina van Niekerk:  
I AM a keen sport shooting persons and need to be able to participate in my sport
86. Uwe Niederheitmann:  
We need to be able to protect ourselves if we cannot rely on the police force. If you disarm people by removing the right to own a fire arm for self defence, you are aiding and abetting the criminals, making their life safer by endangering the citizen more!!
87. Willie Kotze:  
All gave the right to protect themselves from bodily harm but now SAPS want to take the tools to defend yourself out of the law abiding citizens hands. It is not acceptable to think you must defend yourselves with a knife or fists while the crooks come with guns in gangs. I hope never to need to defend myself or my family with a firearm but if an attack is brought to me I have the right to defend myself and family as in the constitution. Stop to disarm the law abiding citizens and start disarming the criminals.
88. Danie Visser:  
I object to the bill for an attempt to remove my rights to own a firearm as well as being able to reload.
89. Stefan de Lange:  
We have a constitutional right to self defense
90. Louise Bodenstaff:  
Every law abiding citizen has the right to arm themselves for self protection.  
As long as criminals have access to illegal firearms, we shall bear arms.
91. Peter Tolmay:  
If one cannot protect oneself and the Police in South Africa have their hands tied it is ridiculous that we must have our firearms destroyed because we could not renew our licences due to COVID 19
92. Trevor Jaffar:  
The authorities need to start with the criminals to disarm them, and then look at gun owners.
93. Ebrahim Laher:  
Government should disarm the criminals and sort out the crime rate before even thinking of disarming the law abiding citizens of this country. RIGHT TO LIFE
94. Denis Stander:  
I am a gun owner in South Africa. Guns do not kill people. Criminals kill people.
95. Michael Amos:  
It's my right to defend myself in a crime infested country
96. Johan Greyling:  
I'm signing this petition because it is the illegal guns and the stolen guns from the Army and Police that is the problem
97. Benjamin Behm:  
A gun free society would be great, but one needs to protect one's self and family since the police and government are totally unable to protect you
98. Byron le Roux:  
I'm signing this petition because I believe every South African citizen has the right to protect themselves, their family and their property from the scourge of personal crime in our country.

99. Tomy Rivalland:  
The right to self protection, especially in a country such as ours where we have an inadequately trained police force overwhelmed by crime, has to be a tenet of any self respecting democracy and a non negotiable right.
100. Jeanette Pienaar:  
It is every law-abiding citizen's human right to defend themselves against criminals. Disarming the nation will not stop criminals from getting hold of firearms illegally, but it will leave innocent, law-abiding citizens even more vulnerable than they already are, and at the same time make the SAPS' task more difficult and dangerous than what it already is.
101. Edmond Mongwe:  
Our South African policing system has failed to protect us when we need & they are still failing. It is my right to protect myself and my family & if a firearm is what I need to protect myself, then it is my rights to own it.
102. Marina Muller:  
Minister Bheki Cele walks around with an army of Police with rifles and we the citizens and farmers cannot defend ourselves. This is absolutely not according to our Constitution.
103. Gary Baris:  
The government has failed dismally at protecting the population from spiralling crime, in fact the government hasn't only failed at protecting us, they have also significantly contributed to violent crime by the major past and continuing losses of firearms from the police and defence forces. Further to this, the government has failed at addressing our rapidly declining economy, resulting increase unemployment, poverty and resultant crime escalation. Police funding that is so desperately inadequate is being cut instead of being bolstered when it takes unacceptably long for for the police to respond to crimes in progress... much longer than the acceptable international response times in fact, the one guarantee we have as the public is that the police will not respond in time to assist victims of violent crimes. It has become public opinion that the police are too afraid for their own safety to respond timeously to violent crime, especially involving firearms which is why they arrive hours later.  
  
This new amendment is just another failure of government to protect its citizens.
104. Glenmon Jooste:  
Im a legal fa owner and i have the right to defend myself and my family
105. Philip de Lange:  
I am a dedicated hunter and I possess firearms to hunt and I use my firearms to protect my family and business from the predators running our streets in South Africa the predators that the police can't put behind bars so level my guns alone and focus on the health issues in the county I will not give up my guns nor stand for this shift anymore
106. Schalk Liebenberg:  
We got a state department with no work ethics and corruption and are suppose to see to the safety of all our people. They hit on the law abiding citizens. I got the same right as the state president to protect myself as he does with ARMED men around him
107. Leslie Purchase:  
I believe it is my civil right to own a firearm for self-and family protection purposes, especially now in light of the lawlessness prevalent in South Africa at the moment and the inability of the SAPS to curb this lawlessness.
108. Jerry Damane:  
I am a Traffic Officer by proffesion and all men and women in uniform are targeted and killed every day I need to protect myself and my family should the need arise.
109. EJ (Tiekie) Theart:

I believe in a democratic system and in a right to have a say on how to protect my family ,I also believe God gave me the right mindset to make the right decisions how to use a firearm and therefor an lisencc were issued to me

110. Strini Govender:  
I'm signing because it don't make sense that we are not allowed to protect our yourself and family from criminal when ever second person is carrying a firearm.
111. Nhlanhla Nkosi:  
The government has not right to take away our right as law abiding citizens to protect ourselves and our families. Crime is out of control and the police are corrupt and/or underfunded. The government have failed to protect us so they must not interfere.
112. Derek Singleton:  
The police are now incapable of protecting the population at large so we have to do it ourselves . Who else will ?????
113. Helen van der Westhuizen:  
It's my right to protect myself, my loved ones and my property. The government is not fulfilling its obligations by protecting myself, my loved ones, my property or my countrymen or visitors to this, my country. So many in government are corrupt, contributing to crime in this country.
114. Arlene Ogilvie:  
I am signing because every law abiding citizen has the right to protect themselves against the massive criminal element in this country.
115. Jan Esterhuizen:  
Dit is my reg om myself , my vriende en onskuldige mense te beskerm teen krimenele en die korrupte samelewer waarvan die regering die hoof rol speel
116. Patrick Connold:  
Rampant and unchecked criminal activity in South Africa threaten the peaceful existence of its law abiding citizens. To remove the constitutional right to defend ones family and property by the proposed bill is in itself a crime against humanity.
117. Cassie Myburgh:  
In South Africa, Self Defense.....is the Default reason for needing a firearm.....never in our country's history have the law abiding and contributing members of society been under such attack.....by bith criminals.....and its oen government.  
We need these weapons to devend our lives.....it is our right. Leave our guns alone.
118. Andre van der Berg:  
I did my competency and for self defense. And I know what the law requires from me in order to use a firearm and now the covernment want to take the right to protect me and my family, where 75% of Saps can't even protect themselves because of not knowing how to use a fire. The people with elegal firearms have more rights than law abiding citizens and how can the Saps protect us? Kind regards
119. Johan van der Merwe:  
I have to protect myself and my love ones against CRIMINALS. I an a law obiding citizen and i have a fire arm for almost 40 years, and never point a gun to another person. I shoot at a range to keep me in shape to to use the fire arm, so to change the law is not going to violant solved crimes. Criminals must be disarmed.
120. Leon Henning:  
I am signing because I am a law abiding and tax paying citizen of this country and it is my right to be able to defend myself. I can not rely on the SAP to do that for me as they simply don't have the man power and ability to protect every citizen. Focus should be placed on fighting serious crime and first removing all unlicensed fire arms before targeting innocent

law abiding citizens. This is the start of disarming the citizens of our country so that criminals have got free reigns to do as they please. They already know that the SAP alone can't fight them and are waiting for the disarming of ordinary citizens.

121. Marius Bosch:  
Police proved that they can't protect us. Some Police Stations are protected by private armed security companies to protect them inside Police Stations. What about the speeding Armed Guards driving politicians and members of Parliament around on our roads? Look at the crime rate statistics in SA
122. Peter Hearn Lloyd:  
I live on a farm and because of farm attacks, I want to be armed in case I have to face an assailant. I believe we have a right to defend ourselves.  
Law abiding citizens are responsible people with licensed firearms. Criminals are the ones who carry unlicensed guns.
123. Daniel Venter:  
I am a hunter and a law abiding person who doesn't mean any harm to anybody but respect me and my family in the same way.
124. Gerrit Smit:  
I'm signing because I am a legal firearm owner and my husband works away from home frequently. When I'm alone I have no other way to protect my family and property than to have a firearm. It gives me peace of mind and can help me in case of emergency. We had burglars at our home previously and when I showed them I was armed they ran away. What would have happened to my family if I did not have my firearm?
125. Gregory Garland:  
It is unconstitutional, irrational and irresponsible to take away a person's ability to defend themselves.
126. Hein Koch:  
Incompetence of the SAPS in protecting the SA citizens against growing number of attacks by criminal elements at all terrains without any fear by them of being caught and found guilty in our Courts. I have to protect my family and my possessions myself.
127. Braam du Preez:  
The proposed law is unconstitutional and will disarm law abiding citizens and prevent them from defending themselves & their loved ones.
128. Dries de Witt:  
We have the right to defend ourselves against criminals, government can't do that.  
Even if they could I still have the right to defend myself and my family
129. Terence Pretorius:  
The way crime is in SA it's not safe, I feel it's the right of all SA citizens to own a gun if they go through the correct channels,
130. Chris van Niekerk:  
We all have the right to protect ourselves. The government has failed us.
131. Andries van Vuuren:  
I have the right to protect my life and the lives of my loved ones in a country where the Security Services are totally inefficient and crime is out of control.
132. Raymond Maake:  
All legal gun owners must protest by going to police station to hand themselves in and not give in their guns at a date that will be planned, we must march at the same time to the nearest police stations, ministers must not get security at their home or have guns as well. The government can't protect everyone, I want robbed and beaten by robber at my house,

my valuables, money, taken, slept for a week in hospital, not able to go to work for a month with multiple fractures, traumatized up until now and always having panic attacks, i bought a gun now i feel much safer to protect myself. I will not give up my gun, i rather go to jail or fight and be killed, i cant leave without my gun,. If they take my gun they must give me 24 hour body guard

133. Lucas van Vuuren:  
The Criminals have easy access to fire arms how will the public defend themselves?
134. Louise Maree:  
This shouldn't even be debated, we have unabated crime in SA and the police are not capable of protecting us at all. Mostly they do not even show up when called, we therefore need to be able to protect ourselves. The police have lost over 26000 of their own guns already and now they want to come after ours ??? It's a verg big NO to gun control from me!!
135. Koekoes Swanepoel:  
Because we should be free to make our own choices and posses fire arms to protect ourselves because the police is useless!!
136. Harold Dettmer:  
Because the government (SAP) has not got the abillity to protect me and my family as per the constitution and i need to protect my family and assets myself. You want to take away my human right to protect myself.  
Government must start prosecuting the SAP members losing their firearms left right and centre. i.e 30,000 odd thousand over the past 15 years which is unacceptable and the real problem.
137. Christo Barnard:  
Government cant protect normal civilians and want to disarm us so that criminals can kill us without any protection, why dont Head of police disarm all non competent officials of Saps?
138. Jean van Heerder:  
I oppose and reject this draft bill by signing this petition as I am a dedicated sport shooter as well as a dedicated hunter as this draft bill does not make sense in the scope of sport shooting as sport shooters shoots out a couple of hundred bullets very easily. The more you shoot and practice the more you become efficient with your firearms. By restricting the amount of bullets and/or by removing the section of reloading ammunition from the Firearms Control Act, 60 of 2000, will put an huge damper/barrier on sport shooters ability to handle and shoot their firearm efficiently. Handloaded ammunition has several very distinct benefits over factory-loaded cartridges.
139. Marcus Jooste:  
I believe that I have the right to protect myself and my family. I am a law-abiding citizen, and crime is out of control in our beloved country.  
It is not the law-abiding, licensed gun-owners that are perpetrating crime!  
I see this as an attempt to disempower people - good and decent people - from being able to protect themselves.
140. Coen Marais:  
I am an ex cop who carried a state firearm for 38 years to protect myself and other citizens. I can see no reason why self defence cannot be a reason to apply. I also do foresee that the intended legislation to compel gun owners to have a permit to transport their firearms are going to flood local police stations with administration work. The idea to stop self reloading will also affect sport shooting which will have an snowball effect to all attached entities I.e shooting ranges, suppliers of powder etc.. This is a spiteful bill with it's only intention to punish its law abiding citizens.
141. Anthony Banks:  
The Bill promotes inequality, in that if you can afford armed security, you can have it but for those who cannot afford, they have no alternative.

The proposed legislation is divisive and does not contribute either towards nation building or the building of trust between government and society. It may destroy what little trust is left.

142. Hylton Smith:  
The right to self defense for the preservation of life is a reasonable right and not negotiable for all South Africans.
- To disarm law abiding South Africans will weaken South Africa as a nation because our first line of defense will be removed.
- A Government in a True Democracy its first duty is to protect all its people from abuse and dictatorship from internal and external pressures and influences.
143. Trevor Harth:  
I have a constitutional rights protect myself and my family as there is little effort to remove unlicensed firearms from criminals by the SAPS and the government. I am entitled to live a safe life in this country . Without my allowance to own a firearm to do this is not constitutional
144. Pieter Pietersen:  
Disarming law abiding citizens is insane Criminals are not going to hand in their firearms Why should we?
145. Marthinus Petrus Duminy:  
Why must law abiding citizens rights be taken away, while criminals run rampant in this country
146. Ronel Welmans:  
By removing the right to self defense for South Africans combined with cutting the budget of the South African Police service, you are placing millions of South Africans at the mercy of criminals who are not afraid to use violence to achieve their means.
147. Theunis Kruger:  
By removing the right to self defense for South Africans combined with cutting the budget of the South African Police service, you are placing millions of South Africans at the mercy of criminals who are not afraid to use violence to achieve their means.
148. Michiel Burger:  
I have the right to protect myself and my family. First sort out the illegal gun trade in SA before focusing on legal fire arms and the rights of law abiding citizens
149. Owen McMahon:  
I am signing because we live in a rural community. We are a hunting family, always have been. Security is a huge concern with some serious incidents having occurred historically! How do I protect myself and family if the government takes my weapons? It is abuse of power. Criminals don't care but I do!
150. Duwayne Varnfield:  
I consider it a civil and constitutional right for a law abiding and competent SA citizen to own a legally licensed firearm. I am willing to take this fight to the highest level should sanity not prevail.
151. John Hamilton Banks:  
I don't agree with with reasons for the amendments to the legislation.
152. Callie Pretorius:  
The police will not be able to protect my family 24/7, I hunt to provide for my family, i am a dedicated hunter and sport shooter. I reload my own ammo.
153. Francois Maritz:

This bill is a joke. Where in your right mind does a government remove my right to defend my life and family.

154. Pieter Conradie:  
SAPS and government should stick to their duty, to provide a secure and safe environment for us, the law abiding citizens and tax payers, the very people they now want to disarm, and go sort out the criminals. After all, if the criminals were in jail, they couldn't come and steal our firearms, if government then wants to make us believe criminals get their guns from us. Stop the BS please, SAPS and government, for this is all focussed on disarming citizens.

155. Johan Jacobs:  
I am signing as a law abiding citizen that had my guns for decades . The SAPS has lost 26000 guns almost 1 million round. As competent person it is above my comprehension to hand my gun into those idiots as you see how the store and handle guns they should be handling competent people's arms in my humble opinion.

156. Abdullah Dennis:  
It is sad that the ANC government I fought for in the times of apartheid is now turning around and taking away my right to defend myself and also worst taking away my religious rights. This is not the government I fought for.

157. Jaco Fourie:  
Objection to the firearms control amendment bill  
I object in toto to the proposed amendments to the firearms control amendment bill on the following basis:

1) There were no proper consultation, as is alleged for a bill that is in actual fact not an amendment to a current act, but which introduces a whole new bill under the guise of an amendment.

2) The amendments will destroy the livelihood of over a million persons employed in the firearms industry, private security industry etc. This was not taken into consideration. It is tragic that in a time when Covid-19 has destroyed countless jobs, this government intends to destroy even more employment opportunities, instead of creating jobs.

3) It will rob all private citizens of this country of the means to defend themselves from violent crime, which is out of control and where we as citizens are subjected to a dysfunctional police force, poorly trained and poorly equipped. It is an insult that we as citizens are disarmed when Parliament has approved that the budget for security for members of parliament be increased. Clearly some people in this country are much more equal and deserving than others. This flies in the face of our Constitution.

4) It will destroy sport shooting and dedicated hunting, without having any impact on the illegal use of firearms to commit crime

5) Many of the proposed provisions will be impossible to enforce by the SAPS, who at the moment struggle to implement the current act. The CFR is in disarray, with massive backlogs. Why not rather repair what is broken, instead of trying to implement what must be the most draconian and unworkable piece of legislation that has seen the light of day in recent times.

6) The so called statistics quoted by Minister Cele in trying to validate these amendments are patently incorrect and will not stand judicial review.

Examples of some of the amendments that show a complete lack of understanding of the firearms industry, firearms in general and which will in no way have ANY effect on crimes being committed with firearms.

Why include a muzzle loader under the definition of a firearm? These weapons are outdated, obsolete weapons that hold no danger to society. How many crimes have been committed with a muzzle loader? Probably none. So why now all of a sudden does it need to

be included under the definition of a firearm? In any event these are already regulated as a competency certificate is required before such a weapon may be purchased. No amendment in respect of any Section of the act in relation to muzzle loader firearms are necessary.

Sec 10 – Competency only valid for 5 years for all categories of firearm owners. This will place a massive burden on the CFR, who already cannot cope and how will this reduce crime? The status quo should remain in force.

Sec 13 – As stated above this is a travesty and an insult to the law abiding civilian population of this country. Any political party that wants to disarm law abiding citizens must realise that their voters will no longer be voting for them.

Sec 15 – No occasional hunter, who live in the city, will be able to comply with this provision. How does this stop crime?

Sec 16 – Why place a limit of 6 firearms on a dedicated hunter and sport shooter. As both, I can assure the Minister that it would not be possible to do sport shooting, hunting and wingshooting with just 6 firearms. IPSC sport shooting has a number of handgun, shotgun and rifle divisions each requiring a very specific type and calibre of firearm, with many competitors competing in many more than just one division. The same goes for hunting. No single rifle caliber exist that would be suitable for all types of hunting and game animals. The same goes for clay and wingshooting. There are skeet, trap, sporting clays and a hunting shotgun is completely different than a clay gun. Again how will reducing the firearms of a sport shooter or hunter, reduce crime? Our country is a mecca for hunting and our sport shooters compete on the international stage and both are highly regarded. Why destroy it?

Sec 17 and Sec 18 – Collectors of firearms and ammunition. How on earth is crime going to be reduced by prohibiting law abiding citizens from collecting mostly historic and obsolete firearms and ammunition? It beggars belief that any one could truly think this will reduce crime. Many of these historic firearms are priceless or sometimes very expensive firearms that will be reduced to something worth nothing. For example a Rigby rifle, dating back to say 1910 in good condition may easily fetch R250 000.00. How does destroying such a piece of art assist in combatting crime?

New Sec 23A, and Sec 98A & 98B etc – Ballistic sampling. This is impractical as the SAPS simply does not have the resources available to do this, nor would it serve any purpose to have a data base of hundreds of thousands of ballistic samples, when the cost of keeping such a data base would far outstrip any possible benefit it may have. Numerous experts will tell you that as any firearm is used, firing pins, extractors and ejectors are replaced. Barrels are damaged through use and cleaning, changing the marks and scratches on bullets and shell casings. This will be a futile and costly exercise, serving absolutely no purpose.

Sec 27 – period of validity of a licence. This will place a massive burden on the CFR, who already cannot cope and how will this reduce crime? The status quo should remain in force.

Sec 28 – Private dealing in firearms must be allowed. Leave the status quo as it is.

Sec 45 and Sec 93 – As a sport shooter and hunter who has reloaded ammunition for over 30 years, this makes no sense. Ammunition in South Africa is very expensive and by reloading ammunition, it becomes more affordable. Secondly it allows a hunter or sport shooter to tailor his / her ammunition to his / her rifle or handgun. No firearm are the same and each will operate optimally with a certain load, usually not available in factory form. Thirdly it allows us to reload ammunition in calibers that are no longer available in factory form. If reloading is prohibited it will criminalise many firearm owners in possession of reloading equipment. It will also destroy the shooting sports in South Africa, unless that is the actual intention, instead of having any real impact on criminals.

Sec 73 – transport permit for firearm or ammunition. This will place an immense burden on the SAPS. It will have a direct impact on carrying a firearm for defensive purposes or traveling to a hunt or sport shooting event. This should never be allowed as it will render law

abiding citizens completely defenceless against criminals. Criminals are obviously not going to bother themselves with this provision.

Sec 91 – Only 100 cartridges per firearm. The status quo should remain. This provision will impact severely on all forms of sport shooting and even hunting. In IPSC sport shooting in a level I match over 200 rounds of ammunition are easily expended. In level II or Level II matches it is much more. A sport shooter will also never be able to reach any level of competitiveness if he / she only has 100 rounds of ammunition to practice with. Also bear in mind that South Africa will then not be able to host any international shooting events. The same applies to all forms of shotgun clay target shooting. It is nothing to expend 100 round in practice or competition or when going on a dove hunt. How can a government that has lost millions of rounds of ammunition want to limit its law abiding citizens to only 100 rounds? Criminals clearly source their weapons and ammunition from our police and defence force. So how does this assist in combatting crime?

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158.

F de Winnaar:

As a SA citizen I need to be able to defend myself because numerous times the SAPS are incompetent or the criminals uses SAPS Uniforms. What does that in tale that the SAPS does not have control over their own weapons or uniforms.

Do you as a Government want to sit back and enjoying this ridiculous loss of lives. I tell you each New citizen that's get killed due to this that dead persons blood would be on the Minister of POLICE and the Defence forces. Women gets rape and people gets murdered for a few Rand on our farms and with this one supplier in our food chain gone. So I hope they're be enough food each day on your table because killing the taxpayers and farmers you as an SAPS will not be able to receive a salary (taxpayer dead) and one less farmer shortage of food. So you think you might earn a salary and no food in the shops to buy due to that you as SAPS wants to unarmed our citizens. See what's happened in Bloemfontein with the strike lots of entrepreneurs lost every thing. So how would you ever be able to protect the Private entity if you cannot do the basic in our Townships, Residential and Farming communities.

Numerous cases like the Siemens murder SAPS & Defence force been involved. Please put your family in the Frontline of this and see what you feel emotionally if anyone gets killed, rapped and hijacked without been able to protect themselves. Minister start living a day to day life without any special guards protecting you and walk in areas as a normal citizen without any title. You need to start serving the Citizens of South Africa that pays your Salary. Really this is a disgrace because we as SA Citizens have lost any trust and respect for SAPS and any lawful citizen working for Government. If any of my friends/colleagues or family gets killed due to incompetence of this I will put their blood in front of your door Minister.

Why should we as Citizens stand back from been able to protect ourselves and relying on Police stations when 90% they are under staff or no vehicles to assist. In the past 10 years communities had to join Neighborhood Watch Association to create a safe living environment. All cost extra to us as Citizens ( Electric fence, Alarm systems, Security guards, Residents doing patrols in Neighborhood and property cameras as well as street Cameras). So please rethink this outrageous decision and work on your baglock on applications. Start taking action against lost SAPS fire arm's and get your house in order. The DNA tests results that lacking instead of thinking to change the Bill will solve your internal issues. Please wipe in front of your own system/door before you can even think of protecting the people paying your Salary.

159.

Dirk Blignault:

I am a dedicated sports and hunting person with multiple fire arms that reload. I don't agree with any of the amendments. I am also a peace officer that support self-defense.

160. Candice Hattingh:  
I am a law abiding citizen and have the right to protect my family. There are numerous attacks and murders committed by criminals who are carrying illegal firearms, how is this issue going to be addressed? How am I going to defend myself and my family against these criminals?

161. George Maritz:  
The people of South Africa must be able to defend and protect our families and property. Gun control from legal gun owners will increase serious crime. Control illegal weapons as they are the ones that do harm. SA gov and police cannot protect the people and it seems they are siding with the criminals with this gun control

162. Linda Fourie:  
In a criminal and unsafe society where you can trust nobody to fight for your safety, it is up to every citizen to defend yourself. As a woman, the only solution is to have a gun for self defence, we have the right to protect ourselves and to take that right away is to criminalise the country even further. It will be insane

163. Vic Cilliers:  
The proposed amendments to the FCA is unconstitutional and infringes on the rights of the citizens of South Africa, rights inter alia to self defence within a country who has had SAPS self admit their own inability to perform their mandated duties. SAPS budgets are slashed annually while budgets for VIP Governmental, both home and blue light protection, are continuously increased.

The right to life is paramount and my right to protect it. No criminal will be affected by these amendments.

I hereby oppose and reject the new amendment bill to act 60 of 2000 in it's entirety

164. Pieter Swanepoel:  
I was for 43 year a POLICEMEN and the Police can't Protect all the PEOPLE of South Africa. The CRIMINALS run around with stolen or unlawful firearms . Why the Police worry not about THAT . Even the Police and SANDF HAD LOST LOTS AND LOTS OF FIREARMS HOW IS IN THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS ...WAKE UP CELE WAKE UP . IF THE LAND IS SAFE WHY HE HAD SO MANY BODYGUARD MORE THAN TE FORMER MIN

165. Edwin Olivier:  
You want to take away law abiding citizens legal weapons for self defence but the police cannot protect our citizens and unregistered weapons gets stolen by the hand of the police. Sort out unregistered weapons before concentrating on legal weapons

166. Sas Coetzee:  
With high crime rate and being an victim of robbery we need to have to ability to protect our lives.

167. Ruan Schmidt:  
This was my reply to the comment section.

This bill will be in direct violation of Chapter 2, Section 12, paragraph 1 of the Bill of Rights. Freedom and security of the person 12. (1) Everyone has the right to freedom and security of the person, which includes the right— (a) not to be deprived of freedom arbitrarily or without just cause; (b) not to be detained without trial; (c) to be free from all forms of violence from either public or private sources; (d) not to be tortured in any way; and (e) not to be treated or punished in a cruel, inhuman or degrading way.

The government tells the people that owning a firearm for the purpose of self defence is a privilege and not a right. WRONG! Every legal citizen of th Republic of South Africa has the RIGHT to gun ownership for the purpose of self defence. The Minister of Police, Bheki Cele,

openly admitted that the South African Police Service has lost its war on crime and that it is unable to maintain law and order in the country. The people's safety and security is now completely exposed by this comment from the minister. The people have no choice but to protect themselves from criminals who want to forfeit the law abiding citizen's right to security and freedom from any form of violence.

THE CRIMINAL WELCOMES this ammendment, because criminals do not care for the law. They do not carry licensed firearms. They have unlicensed and illegal firearms at their disposal. Majority of automatic firearms in the hands of criminals are R4 and R5 automatic rifles. The only 2 sectors that have legal right to carry these firearms are the SANDF and SAPS. No other entity. Which means, in term, the very security departments of our country is SOLELY responsible for these automatic firearms in the hands of criminals. They're incompetence and lack of order results in these automatic firearms to be stolen from their armouries and sold on the black market. Possession of a firearm for the purpose of self defence gives power to us, the people.

1) It lawfully protects all licensed firearm owners from any form of violence in which a life threatening situation is imminent.

2) It lawfully empowers communities to protect themselves, their property and the lives of their fellow neighbours in cases where life threatening situations may occur.

3) It lawfully protects the people of the Republic of South Africa against political oppression, when a government violates the peoples' constitutional rights for political or personal gain.

More people should engage in lawful gun ownership, because the state has failed to protect the people as per their service oath and uphold their constitutional rights.

If progressive entities feel forfeiting people's right to lawfully own and carry a firearm for the purpose of self defence, then THE STATE SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND DENY ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ANY ARMED SECURITY FROM EITHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTORS. This includes ALL MINISTERS AND THEIR DOWNLINE STAFF, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. SAPS and SANDF should also be denied firearms for the purpose of self defence or protection of property from either public or private sector as there will be no more crime according to this ammendment.

I, WHOLEHEARTLY, REJECT this amendment of the act as it DIRECTLY VIOLATES THE SAFETY, SECURITY AND COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL CITIZENS of the Republic of South Africa.

168. Kosie du Toit:  
Absolute redicilous for a country with the highest crime rate in the world!
169. Robert Edwards:  
Saps can not protect my family or myself like i do
170. Johan Lindeque:  
Believe everyone should be able to protect himself/herself. The police can't be everywhere and when bad stuff happens you need to act immediatly otherwise it will be to late.
171. Tim Rutlidge:  
I have a human right to protect myself and my family. The high qty of illegal firearms on the streets are mostly from the police,army and weapon caches or from across our porous boarders. This needs to be address not legal firearm owners.
172. David Grobbelaar:  
I am a law abiding citizen of this country. Crime is out of control and the police is incompetent to protect the citizens of SA. We need to have the right to protect ourselves and our families. It is my constitutional right to be able to protect myself as well as family. I

oppose this amendments with my full support to the law abiding people running this campaign

173.

Riaan Bezuidenhout:

I strongly oppose the Amendment Bill in it's entirety. Instead of leaving law abiding citizens without the most effective tool of self defence, SAPS should focus on illegal firearms in the hands of criminals.

To our collective astonishment, the minister of Police tabled a budget that seeks to reduce spending on Visible policing and increase VIP protection. Is it government policy to abandon law abiding citizens to the mercy of violent criminals whilst SAPS protects only those worthy of VIP protection? How is this possibly justified after the stats show that murders are on the increase?

The minister then offers the gem that criminals target homes for firearms without offering any evidence. It seems implementing a strategy without evidence to back it up is acceptable for policy decisions. The minister recently announced that in the first quarter of 2021, 4976 murders were committed. What logic can possibly dictate that self defence is not a valid reason to own a firearm? What logic results in less spending on actual policing and a huge increase in spending on VIP Protection in light of the murder rate? Rape, Home Robberies, carjacking and CIT heists have all increased during this time period, yet none of that is the focus of this proposed amendments.

#### Sport Shooting

As for Sport Shooting the proposed amendments makes absolutely no sense. As a citizen I should be able to decide which of the shooting sports I wish to participate in. I should have the freedom to choose which disciplines I wish to compete in. Limiting me to an arbitrary number of firearms and thus reducing my options is not a power I wish to abdicate to any regime. I bought my multiple firearms after careful consideration of what is available and what is best suited to the sport, then I made sure I have a backup firearm in case of damage or repair required. I choose to participate in multiple disciplines and use multiple firearm platforms as competing is a test of both mental and physical skill. The drafters of the FCA in its current form clearly appreciated the above. Just as nonsensical is the requirement that the validity of sport shooting licenses should be reduced to 5 years. A firearm is an investment in my sport and not some arbitrary tool that is discarded easily and I certainly shouldn't have to jump through hoops to get the inefficient CFR to approve it.

#### Reloading

I also disagree strongly on the ban on reloading ammunition. Reloading is done for both cost saving but also matching case, bullet, primer and powder to get the best result out of a specific firearm. Licensed firearm owners do not supply criminals with ammunition. Developing loads for a firearm is time consuming, but both hunters and sport shooters do it to get the best possible results. Banning it is does not nothing for public safety and seems like another arbitrary inclusion in the amendments.

#### Limiting the amount of ammunition

This is another nonsensical suggestion and proved that the drafters of this Bill has zero understanding of Sport Shooting or Hunting. A Saturday class requires between 250 and 500 rounds to complete. A competition anything from 80 to 150 rounds and that is if you compete in a single class. This proposed limitation is tantamount to preventing law abiding shooters from competing. The above does not even take into account the nr of rounds required to practice between competitions.

Only tyrannical regimes seek to disarm their populace. That is exactly what Hitler did to Jews before he began his campaign of mass murder. A legitimate government that governs in the interest of its citizens wouldn't have to fear its citizens. The threat of regime change is not the licensed firearm owners, but disillusioned voters voting against a ruling party that has failed its citizens by becoming a byword for corruption and failing to deliver on its promises.

In conclusion, reducing legal firearms will not prevent criminals getting their hands on

firearms. The focus should be on creating a professional police force to combat crime. Modernising and implementing technology instead of deploying brute power should be a priority. Fixing the hollowed out Crime Intelligence structure to fulfill its mandate is critically urgent. Appointing SAPS leadership that understand the value of technology, data science and analytics should take precedence over seniority. Appointing a minister of Police that doesn't encourage violent response by SAPS members at every opportunity is a must, equally as important is appointing a minister that seeks to serve the broader society and not just VIP's. Forensic services have basically ground to a halt, this too needs urgent intervention. Fixing the hopelessly dysfunctional CFR that is unable to manage the current inflow of new applications and renewals should be a critical priority. Adding additional administrative functions to the CFR would further violate Administrative justice.

Focusing on licensed firearms should not be allowed to hide the fact that SAPS has failed and will continue to fail. The real work to be done is internal to SAPS and not using law abiding citizens as a scapegoat for its failures to combat and investigate crime. These amendments are nothing but a smokescreen for the decades long failures of SAPS and the lack of robust oversight by Parliament.

174. Wendy Cheatle:  
In a perfect society, I would understand the purpose of this amendment. However, the crime situation in our country is a pandemic in its own right.  
I believe that I have the right to own a firearm for self defence purposes
175. JA Strydom:  
The majority of South Africans are law abiding citizens who need to defend themselves and their family when attacked by a perpetrator. In a large percentage of cases a firearm is the only appropriate defence weapon.
176. Warren de Swardt:  
I'm signing because I believe every citizen should have the right to defend themselves against attackers and incidents of violent crimes. Licensed firearm owners in South Africa are NOT the problem.... Lazy, corrupt and incompetent Police are the problem, as they have allowed crime to consume this country to a point of no control at all
177. Vaughn van der Merwe:  
This legislation is an attempt to disarm law abiding citizens so that the actual criminals run riot.
178. Roelof McDonald:  
The proposals are a barbaric attempt to increase racial hatred in SA by worsening the lives of law abiding citizens. It is an idiotic attempt by morons to create law and rules that solves absolutely NO EXISTING PROBLEMS. Therefore it is completely senseless and wasted the time and salaries of the ones that created it. It shall make life for the SAPS more impossible and incriminate ordinary people who tries their best to be law abiding. It is furthermore impossible for the SA Government to implement and police it effectively as shown by the chaotic state of affairs created by the existing Police Act. Rather take out the stupidity and senseless parts of the existing ACT and the other multitude of also silly acts that Parliament is contemplating.
179. Mami Sethabela:  
I sign because I have right to protect self and my loved one. Police are incapacitate. Criminals have more rights than law biding citizens. That can't be right..
180. David Burt:  
I am signing this petition because we need to be able to defend our self's against the violent crime in SA. The SAPS and government are incapable of doing it leaves licenced firearms as the last resort
181. Alfred Smidt:

I am signing this because i have the right to defend myself and family against crime in a crime ridden country. This law is there to disarm people and not to stop crime. I do not see the police even attempting to combat crime in our area but rather trying to take away the little resistance there is against crime.

182. Barry Becke:  
The ANC Government is proposing that all legally registered guns in the hands of law abiding citizens be confiscated. If their efforts are successful and gun ownership is banned in South Africa the ability of ordinary citizens to protect themselves will be removed. IF GUN OWNERSHIP IS OUTLAWED \_ ONLY OUTLAWS WILL HAVE GUNS!
183. Marthinus Ras:  
I consider self defence a constitutional right, especially in a country where the local government does not have crime under control. I'll be willing to consider giving up my right if the Police has gotten the crime down to such a degree that they give up carrying firearms, as that is also purely for self defence. So if they want to take my firearm, there's your goal...
184. Pieter Jacobs:  
The government and SAPS have failed to protect us as citizens of SA. I believe that responsible gun owners, that train, can assist in reducing violent crimes and protect themselves and their loved ones. I also believe it to be each persons right to be a responsible firearm owner being it for self defence, hunting or other shooting discipline. I oppose the suggested new gun legislation.
185. Gerrie Buitendag:  
There is no way that the police and security services can protect us against thugs with unlicensed firearms. We must protect ourselves and need our firearms. Catch a wake up Government!! Your problem is not the licensed firearms and owners, but the unlicensed ones.
186. Ray Beavan:  
Read the rights of the citizens in the constitution you bloody idiots you are going to fail there are more black legal owners of firearms than whites so you are literally going to literally SHOOT YOURSELVES IN THE PROVERBIAL FOOT MR POLICE MINISTER
187. Roland Kader:  
Why cant we, law abiding citizens, protect our families and assets by owning a firearm. How many illegal firearms are used to perpetrate crime. What is the government doing to eradicate the illegal firearms in the RSA.
188. Craig Walker:  
As a law abiding and tax paying citizen of South Africa I have a right to defend my family, property and myself. This is a lawless country and the relevant authorities are unable to protect its citizens. My choice and my right to self defence!
189. Gregory Stewart:  
The proposed description of the new bill objective clearly sets the scene to deny citizens' of their civil right to own a Section 13 firearm for self defense purposes. The current SAPS corruption and inadequate policing skills leaves the average citizen vulnerable to violent attacks with no protection. This is clearly an infringement of our constitutional right to safety of ones person, family and possessions. We would simply be giving complete control of our already crime ridden country to criminals who wont be losing their weapons anytime soon.
190. Anrd-Charl Marais:  
It is clearly a step by the government to remove opposition to any changes and expropriation that they want to make. They are also through this action making it clear that they are indirectly supporting CRIMINALS WITH UNLICENSED FIREARMS, who are the actual culprits of crime in SA. If law abiding citizens are disarmed then CRIMINALS can do as they please with no resistance... as we know that the police does not and cannot deal with crime

as they are not capacitated to arrive when needed or deal with ILLEGAL FIREARM WEILDING CRIMINALS.

191. Quintin Bernhardt:  
Its my right to protect myself and my family at all times. Criminals don't come with nothing they all have firearms
192. Christie Els:  
I am actively involved in sport shooting and hunting and are also involved in the management structure of SA Hunters in its Edenvale branch. I am a legal and responsible gun owner and understand the implications of the current act on gun owners. Due to this I don't believe that the act should be changed.  
It is also a civil right to protect ourselves and our families.
193. Deon van Niekerk:  
My right to protect what is mine. The fact that the SA Police force cannot give us enough protection
194. Joey Uys:  
The unlawful citezens get protected and we law abiding citizens get discriminated and my human rights you want to change. You got no right to change our gun laws all your goverment officials got quard protection more than 1 they carry guns they possess a lot of amo are you also going to limited them as well, no I don't think so, we the lawfull know how to use and when to use it, we don't commit murders, we don't commit high jackings. We don't robbed, we don't sell guns to the un-lawfull we don't do any of these things but you still want to take our guns
195. Pete Rossi:  
Until this country has a Police Force that protects its people, the right to self defence is not a maybe but a must. Why do all the politicians have body guards that are armed ? Simply for self defence so why can't citizens also? The road to Communinism and control is to disarm your people and this is exactly what the government is trying to do. Solutions:- Retain individuals rights to self defence, more effective policing especially on our farms, disarm or remove politicians body guards first – what are they scared of? If they can answer this question then they may have a case but until then they have NO case at all.
196. Philip Roos:  
This goes further than mere self defence. Gun control and civilian disarmament is an experiment conducted by numerous nations throughout history.
- The experiment has been conducted and the data is clear. Gun control leads to genocide. (Polsby & Kates, 1997).
- When the Nazi party took control in 1933 they searched and raided the homes of Jews, seizing firearms and ammunition. The Holocaust followed.
- 1890, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. 153 Native Americans slaughtered after handing over their weapons in return for “peace”.
- Mao Zedong implemented gun control in 1966. Millions of people died.
- Until the death of Joseph Stalin in 1958 the Soviet union had strict gun control laws. Private firearm ownership was illegal. Millions of people died.
- There is a near endless list of gun control (civilian disarmament) preceding genocide.
- The evidence is clear, disarming your citizens is not for their protection. You disarm your citizens to control them. You disarm your citizens to weaken the resistance to tyranny.
- Furthermore, one cannot claim that gun control laws leads to lower crime rates. The

correlation does not exist!

Of course it is true that some countries with tight restrictions enjoy low murder rates (England and Japan) however the opposite is also true as Russia, Mexico, and South Africa have extremely high murder rates. Furthermore, countries with "looser" firearm laws such as Switzerland, New-Zealand and Israel enjoy low murder rates. While countries with extremely stringent firearm laws such as Japan, Hungary and Romania have appalling suicide rates.

Furthermore, private (legal) firearm ownership is not a concern. The biggest concern is the high amount of illegal, unregistered firearms in circulation. To address this issue the ruling party will have to address the intrinsic corruption in our police force. Thus, admitting to their incompetence. It is much easier to find a metaphorical "scape goat".

I would say that the above weakens (or diminishes) any argument made (thus far) for more stringent firearm laws in South Africa!

197. Lyle Horner:

Until there is a bolstered corrupt-free policing system and less crime on the streets this bill only serves the criminals and seems a criminal act perpetrated by a criminal government.

198. Rian Venter:

Im a law abiding citizen and do not agree that any of the proposed amendments should be done.

This is for obvious reasons as stated by so many before me! I have a right to live and to defend myself with the same means or better than the person violating my right to live by attempting to take my life or the life of my fellow law abiding citizen or loved one.

I want to own unlimited amount of ammunition for the calibres that I have licenses for. Ammunition becomes more expensive and when I can afford it, I buy bulk before price increases. I practice shooting as a sport and therefore need a lot of ammunition. I also reload my own ammunition because it is more reliable and specific to my requirements. It is also much cheaper than purchasing ammunition.

I need more than the limited amount of firearms as each has different specifications and are used for different applications, eg the size of the game hunted, the difference in distances hunted ect

199. Robin Shoesmith:

I have guns. I am a law abiding citizen who respects the law. I have the right to protect my self and my family and am not prepared to give up my rights

200. Vladimir Mihajlovic:

Every responsible and fit person should be allowed to bear arms for self defense and target practicing. They rather chase and curb illegal weapon used to commit crime...they should think of f how to become usefull and protect the society.

201. Matthew Quentin:

I am busy applying for a gun license and enjoy hunting.

202. Hilton Norton:

am signing because we have the right to protect myself I am a law abiding citizen and decent people have the right to protect themselves from these criminals is the aim of this Anc Government to disarm us all in order to get what they want.

203. Lizelle Jacobs:

I am a woman alone on a farm.  
I must be able to protect myself!

204. Jan Marais:

This government cannot and will not control the crime in the country. They should first get the SAPS up to standards to apprehend criminals and make society a better place for all citizens to live in.

205. Barend Jakobus van den Berg:  
Ek is 'n wettige Vuurwapen eienaar met 'n Bevoegtheid sertifikaat. Die beoogde wetgewing is onaanvaarbaar!!!
206. Cedrick Disney:  
I have the right to protect myself and my family against pupetraders, they have the so called right to do what they want so i WILL protect my lively hood including assets
207. Marius van Rooyen:  
I am a law abiding firearm owner.  
We must maintain the right and ability to defend ourselves and to own firearms.  
I am against the changing of the law in this regard
208. Johan Vermaak:  
I live on a small holding and the police are not capable to protect farmers. The police cant control their own weapons but they want to control law abiding citizens fire arms
209. Gert Cilliers:  
I'm signing because all of us has the right to defend ourselves, family and property.
210. Derek Wade:  
I have a right to protect my own life, that of my family and my property. The SAPS is completely overwhelmed by the rife violent crime in South Africa, therefore they cannot protect me. I therefore need a defensive firearm to uphold my constitutional right to life and livelihood.
211. Martin Blomeyer:  
I don't agree with the amendments made. Self Defence is a right as is a right to life. Reloading is just a cheaper way for producing ammunition for sports shooting because if one has to purchase it becomes costly.
212. JC Vermaak:  
It's is my right to protect myself, my family and any person or my/their belongings against criminal elements. The SAPS is not capable to perform the task of protecting SA citizens
213. Gary Joshua Lindsay:  
believe that one cannot depend on the State (Government, Police and Military) to protect our property and our families. They themselves need protection from organized criminals.
214. Mariane Coetzer:  
I disagree with the government wanting to take away a priveledge, which should be a human right. Safety of any person should not be an option, the right to protect yourself should be part of basic human rights. The police is failing to protect us and letting thousands of weapons get lost. How will they protect us when they can't even do it now.
215. Jacques Fourie:  
I have a suggestion. Why not license a person? Then that licensed person can buy firearms as he/she desires. This lisencing of individual firearms is a waste of precious time and energy. Record of each firearm can still be kept against the licensed person. It is usually not people who have legally licensed firearms, who pose a thread, but those who are owning illegally.
216. Phil Wilcock:  
I have had a farm invasion. I was one of the very lucky ones that survived. The police arrived whilst the intruders were still busy in the house. They ran off in full view of an armed officer. I

don't know if he was under trained but my faith in the police was shaken. I would like suitable and responsible members of the public to retain their firearms.

217. Srinivasen Govender:

Self defence to protect my self and most importantly my family, is a deterrent when I possession of a fire arm. I hereby sign the petition to keep self defence fire arms under control with strict compliance and Ashe stance to the laws.

218. Henri dos Santos:

I don't believe law abiding citizens should be disarmed when the ministers walk around with armed body guards.

Why

219. Eduard Cik:

I have the right to defend myself and my family because the Police cannot, they have totally lost the fight against criminals.

How can the Government slash the Police budget but INCREASE the budget for VIP Protection???? if everything is under control.

220. David de Beer:

Government can not protect use 90% sap useless robbers don't have licensed gun they just rob you. unlicensed gun you can not control but licensed gun are safe

221. Christopher Challis:

Legal firearm owners are forced to be responsible gun users. The 'problem' firearms are those that are stolen or sold by our police to criminals. A positive change in the Law is that all persons including SAPS and Army responsible for the use of a gun will be held liable in case of loss. Will the Law follow through? In the absence of efficient Policing all citizens black and white have the right to self protection and that of their families. Taking away our right to self-defence weapons is a flagrant attack on our Constitutional rights.

222. Cor Brink:

Currently the Police is unable to effectively implement and enforce the Firearms Control Act, yet the Minister is now aiming to increase the work with frivolous amendments that create unnecessary barriers to legal firearm ownership in South Africa. Specific areas of concern include:

#### RENEWAL OF LICENCES:

The proposed change in the validity period of a licence prior to renewal is worrying due to the additional workload it will create for the Police. In Section 27 an amendment is proposed for all licences to be valid for only 5 years, except for a licence for business use which will only be valid for 2 years.

This is completely senseless and will add unnecessary work to an already overworked Police force. I strongly propose the validity period of licences remain unchanged, or even be extended rather than shortened.

#### SELF-DEFENCE:

Removal of self-defence as motivation for a firearm is of huge concern. Violent crime as proven by SAPS statistics, rises on a daily basis with illegal firearms usually the culprit, yet law-abiding citizens' last line of defence (owning a firearm for self-defence) will be removed. Contrary to Minister Cele's claims that the removal of firearms for self-defence will help to reduce violent crime, it will simply leave us vulnerable. The Police cannot protect us – so why remove our ability to do it ourselves?

#### COLLECTORS:

Private collectors hold collections valued at over R750 million and the removal of these licences will deem these collections worthless. Furthermore, it will be a sad day for South Africa's heritage if these unique artefacts are to be destroyed, especially considering that collectable firearms are often not suitable for criminal use.

#### DEDICATED HUNTERS & SPORT SHOOTERS:

As a dedicated hunter, the reduction of the number of rifles I may own (limited to 6 – only

two more than an occasional hunter), is a direct impediment on my chosen hobby/sporting discipline. One cannot help to wonder why the hunting and sport shooting sector is specifically targeted, while criminals continue to act with impunity. Why does government not focus on a holistic anti-crime and judicial strategy to curb crime in this country, instead of targeting law-abiding legal firearm owners? Hunters are widely recognised as the most responsible and compliant firearm owners, yet our way of life is impacted with these proposals. I object against this proposed amendment of the act

223. Pieter Joubert:

I have the right to protect my self and my family, as this government can not do that. All that happen is that the criminal gets more rights to do what ever they want. The ministers have gaurds and my money gets used to pay them. This must also stop if i can't have the right to protect myself against the criminals.

224. DJ Naude:

For the majority, it's not the people who are legally owning firearms that cause the problems leading to this. Illegal firearms used in crime and confiscated can be seen all over the media. Disarming a legal firearm owner is just making a criminal's job easier.

225. Chris Eliopoulos:

I Carry a fire arm to protect my self and my belongings, as we live in a country that you are not safe to Walk the streets nevermind are safe in your own hom

226. Johan Holder:

Why do they take legal gun licensed owners rights away to protect what is theirs so that other individuals can move around at night(curfew time) to break into home stealing and kill innocent people, thats just what they want , ministers tell you you don't need firearms to protect yourself yet they have more than ten guards around them heavily armed to protect them

227. Wally Boucher:

I believe as SA citizens we have the right to defend ourselves and protect our loved ones when the necessity arises,especially in this crime riddled country of ours where crime is out of control, and sadly the SAPS have no control over the current situation.

228. Ebrahim Essop:

We will be hamstrung by this unilateral decision! Gangsters and other criminals have illegal firearms, and we will not be entitled to protect our families from them.

229. Jean Harris:

I believe with all the right to protecting ourselves and our loved ones. It will also affect ou ability to compete on a professional level for sport shooting and limit you ability to hunt. Rather focus your attention on getting illegal firearms out of criminal hands instead of law abiding citizens. Please dont make us even more defenseless and make us rely on the SAPS that are already stretched to the limit when it comes to supporting and assisting citizens.

230. Pieter Viljoen:

Im law binding gun owner who does not need to be punished for lawfully own a firearm

231. Wayne Bartley:

Without firearms for self defence within the private community, criminals will run rampant through our communities with zero fear of their victims and little chance of police stopping them - crime will escalate out of control

232. Chris Naude:

I reject the Firearm Control Amendment Bill for the following reasons:

We as law-abiding citizen have the right to defend our-selves with suitable self-defense weapons. Law enforcing authorities cannot protect / defend us against the criminals and murderers.

The Firearm Control Amendment Bill will hamper Hunting and Sports shooting as the number of and make-up of the type of firearms will be regulated. Therefore, the needed foreign income for South Africa will be negatively affected.

Making it illegal to have reloading equipment, is intended to limit the availability of ammunition. The Minister intends to have full control on the import of ammunition and firearms. This will empower the Minister to disarm the citizens due to a shortage of ammunition and firearms. Not allowing reloading equipment will deprive the law-abiding sportsman to excel in his sport (hunting and sports shooting) as it will not be possible to load purpose-built or most suitable ammunition to rise above the average level of performance. The Firearm Control Amendment Bill is too restrictive on the number of rounds of ammunition allowed. As reloading will not be allowed, together with the intended extended powers of the Minister to control the import of firearms and ammunition, is bound to cause the firearm owners to run out of ammunition. It all works together to disarm the law-abiding citizens.

The Firearm Control Amendment Bill's intended requirement to only allow the transport of firearms and ammunition with a permit is not practical as the SAP is not even able to maintain the registration and re-registration of firearms and issuing of licenses. The need for permits will increase the workload of the authorities even more beyond their capabilities. The effect on firearm owners will be unjust to say the least.

The Firearm Control Amendment Bill intended to prevent someone younger than 16 years of age to handle your firearm under your control, which is unacceptable and not clever.

Training in the handling, care and safe storage of firearms and ammunition is best done if the foundation thereof is laid while the candidate firearm owner is still young. Young people will also be deprived of the delight of hunting while still young.

The Firearm Control Amendment Bill will deprive the citizens of South Africa of the basic human right to defend themselves in a lawless and criminal society which resulted from insufficient law enforcement by the authorities.

The criminals must be disarmed, NOT the law-abiding citizens of South Africa.

The Firearm Control Amendment Bill should be scrapped in totality as the current Firearm Control Bill is more than sufficient.

233. Eugene van Heerden:

We need our rifles to hunt with as a dedicated hunter

234. Johnny van Greune:

It is my constitutional right to carry a firearm. The police are not protecting the law-abiding public. Why don't they use their time to fight crime and clear the country of all illegal firearms, then we can think about selling our legal guns as there will be no need to carry one.

Do your job properly Cele and get the violent crime under control.

It's too easy to just tell legal responsible and honest people they must hand in their firearms.

235. Daniel Coetzee:

I'm signing this petition because no person may decide on my behalf how I may defend myself when there are so many illegal firearms in circulation. Why take a legal firearm away, there is no reasoning to that.

236. Mark Hooper:

You take away my arms you take away my rights.

You get your house in order then I will be happy to hand in my arms.

Until then go and get lost

237. Louwrens Erasmus:

I am a law-abiding citizen that acts responsibly with my firearms. It is always locked away if not on my person as per the law. I respect my fellow citizens however it is my right as a law-abiding RSA citizen to protect myself and my family as per international law and the South African constitution.

Governments only seize citizens' firearms if and when they have sinister reasons. Furthermore it has been proven all over the world that when law-abiding citizens are disarmed the crime

rate goes up. Citizens become easy targets for the criminals because they are not handing in their firearms nor can the South African police service protect the citizens. To many of the members of the South African police service members and the SANDF are part of criminal gangs.

The other question that comes to mind is the negligence of the South African police service that cannot control their government issued firearms, they are either stolen or borrowed to and by criminals. There is no firearm control register that shows how many arms they should have and where they are at a specific given time.

Therefore I am totally against this amendment of the law and cannot and will not support it. The government must first bring the criminal element under control and look at themselves before they even try to disarm any legal firearm holder in this country.

238. Hendrik Barnard:

As a law abiding citizen I have the right to hunt and do sport shooting. Control of your police and military weapons that gets sold and stolen.

239. Vic Cilliers:

The proposed amendments to the FCA is unconstitutional and infringes on the rights of the citizens of South Africa, rights inter alia to self defence within a country who has had SAPS self admit their own inability to perform their mandated duties. SAPS budgets are slashed annually while budgets for VIP Governmental, both home and blue light protection, are continuously increased.

The right to life is paramount and my right to protect it. No criminal will be affected by these amendments.

I hereby oppose and reject the new amendment bill to act 60 of 2000 in its entirety

240. Jaco Botes:

Stop this from happening because in all history even in Africa itself, with disarmament comes either genocide or war on unarmed citizens. The ANC and Police must stop this act of insane thoughts. If they can have bodyguards we can have our firearms. This means every family is protected. We must follow the Austrian way, where all family members must own firearms and at least two members that need to be able to use a semi-automatic rifle for self-defence. It will automatically stop crime a lot quicker. We are a third-world country. Where have you ever heard a third world country just have police to stop crime? No where? Because then you have communistic rule which will never work, like Never. Stop this now and rather let Community Police to security companies help police to get firearm licences sorted out.

241. Jan Engelbrecht:

I am against any form of oppression...this is one of them. Guns do not kill people or commit crimes...people do.

It is a social- and behavioural issue which you cannot handle the cause of...rather trying to treat a symptom.

242. Dave Renke:

I am signing this petition since as an elderly law abiding citizen I am not able to protect myself and my elderly wife and our possessions against violent attackers who attack their victims in groups that far outnumbered the victims, without my licenced fire arm which I am not prepared to give up.

243. Claudia Becker:

I feel unsafe in this country and therefore believe that I have the right to protect myself and have a legally registered firearm to protect myself when needed. It's always the law abiding people who get thrown under the bus. I have rights too.

244. Matt Louw:

No I do not support the proposed Firearm Control Amendment Bill, published as notice No.437 in National Gazette 44593 of 21 May 2021

I, MJ Louw, hereby reject the proposed amendments 2021 to the FCA. It is unconstitutional and infringes on the rights of the people to choose their vocation and who they associate with. It further violates my rights to life and bodily integrity. The right to life is paramount and my right to protect it. No criminal will be affected by these amendments.

Some of the very limiting amendments proposed are as follows:

- It would be unlawful to reload ammunition
- The deletion of self-defence licenses
- Reduction in the validity period of licenses
- Limiting the number of rounds of ammunition per license
- The licensing of muzzleloaders

245. Sylvan Volminck:  
I need to protect myself and my love ones. In the new SA anyone can enter your privacy, kill and nothing has been done about it. If government can't protect us, it's my right to protect myself and my love ones.
246. Dirk Terblanche:  
I have a right to protection against criminals and the state is failing. Many police officers and soldiers have criminal records and some rent out statd weapons to criminals. Citizens cannot trust them
247. George Leonard:  
It is a human right to defend yourself and predators will harm food security. If they stop hunting tourism will take a huge knock
248. Paul de Beer:  
The idea to limit firearms to law abiding citizens is in principle wrong and counter productive. The aim should be to to protect the common citizen against the criminal and therefor to promote owning a gun. To screen and ensure people that has no related criminal wrong doing against them and who are capable of handling a gun or rifle has the right to own a gun to protect themselves and to hunt as they wish, within reason, and to participate in gun sports and to have guns for historical reasons! It is a basic civil right!
249. Cindy Beaumont:  
I have a right to protect myself and my family and by wanting to disarm me you are obviously trying to take us out and so I will not give away my rights and allow this to happen
250. Johann Roos:  
As this government is unable and quite evidently unwilling to protect its citizens there is a definite right and necessity for us to protect ourselves. Open your eyes and see what is happening please !!!!
251. Dewald van der Rijst:  
I will not give up my right to own a firearm and to protect myself and my family, because this will give criminals control over our Country. The Police must rather focus on crime and illegal firearms which is the real problem in South Africa.
252. Alloysius Jute:  
We need to protect ourselves  
They must go and raid every house in the locations and they will find more firearms that what our military currently have
253. Kobus Kunz:  
I am signing because I believe that I have the right to protect myself. I am a law-abiding citizen, and crime is out of control in our beloved country. It is not the law-abiding, licensed

gun-owners that are perpetrating crime! I see this as an attempt to disempower people - good and decent people - from being able to protect themselves.

254.

Ryk Haupt:

I reject the proposed amendments because it's unconstitutional in so far as my right to defend myself or others and my right of free association in hunting and sport.

I trust you will consider these comments as well as the number of signatories of the petition as part and parcel of the process of the review of the draft bill.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Camphor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fred Camphor  
CEO: SA Hunters