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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OAK RIDGE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Please remember that when using any of the ORSA Ranges, safety should be your number one concern. Everyone must be diligent in observing and correcting unsafe actions by anyone on the ranges. Also remember that you should always wear proper EYE and EAR protection regardless of whether you are shooting or just watching.

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## Range Work Rules

**As a reminder regarding work being completed on the grounds at ORSA:**

If you are on a range shooting, or show up to a range to shoot, you are required to yield to anyone working on the ranges or property. This includes contractors and/or volunteers. Under no circumstances should you begin shooting, or continue shooting, on any range where a contractor or volunteer is working or shows up to perform any work activity - mowing, weed eating, maintenance, etc.

**HP maintenance Monday 8am-2pm and LR maintenance Monday 2pm-dusk.**

Thank you for your cooperation and abiding by this rule. - **ORSA BOD**



## NEWS FROM SKEET, TRAP & SPORTING CLAYS



Spring has sprung and warm weather is here at last. Please note we are in summer hours thru October. That means **Tuesday Trap 10-1. Wednesdays and Fridays Skeet 10-1. Both on Saturday 10-2 and Sunday 12-3. Sporting Clays Friday and Sunday 1-4, Saturday 9-3.**

Next SC tournament will probably be in May. Date hasn't been scheduled yet due to upcoming improvements on the SC range. A workday is

planned to spruce up STSC like we do every year. The more volunteers we have the faster it will go. If you are able to get to the club by yourself, we will have things you can do. Free lunch for workers.

STSC is closed April 5 in observance of Easter Sunday.

- **Larry McNamee, President of STSC**

## Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays Volunteer Workdays

We are again scheduling workdays for all of our facilities. This year they will be **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. For those of you new to the club, workdays are an opportunity for members to volunteer time to support facility maintenance and enhancement activities. They

are a core component of our efforts towards keeping our target costs at a minimum. Please contact **Todd Kisling** at [TAKisling@gmail.com](mailto:TAKisling@gmail.com) to confirm your availability and whether you have a preference working at skeet and trap fields or sporting clays.

## Highpower Rifle Clinic

The ORSA Highpower Rifle Clinic, scheduled for **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, builds upon fundamental marksmanship skills learned in the Basic Clinic held in March. The clinic will start at the Indoor range and firing will be on the Highpower. Completion of the Basic Clinic is a mandatory prerequisite for attending Highpower rifle clinics. Attendees can use club AR15 rifles for \$40 or M1 Garand for \$50. An optional CMP Games Match follows the clinic for participants to apply new skills.

Match Bulletin with more detailed information is located on the ORSA website:

<https://www.orsaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-CMP-Highpower-Clinic-w-GSVM-V2.pdf>

After reviewing the match bulletin, individuals must RSVP to:

**David Kiefer** at [orsaclinic@gmail.com](mailto:orsaclinic@gmail.com) or **Chris Deming** at [orsacmpgames@gmail.com](mailto:orsacmpgames@gmail.com) for match information.

## The ORSA Rifle and Pistol Club is Pleased to Offer the NRA Certified Range Safety Officer Course

This course is open to all ORSA members who would like to earn this certificate and are willing to volunteer to serve as a RSO on the Rifle and Pistol Club ranges. The class will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8:30AM to 6:00 PM**. This course will include Stop the Bleed, AED/CPR, and First Aid. John Barone, an NRA Chief RSO and Instructor with decades of experience will serve as instructor for this course. In addition, Stop and AED Training will be conducted by certified medical professional(s).

Applicants for the training must agree to commit to working at least one four-hour RSO tour each month on the Indoor Range and/or on the four Outdoor Ranges near the Indoor Range. Depending on the number of available RSO's, an additional tour may occasionally be necessary during a month. The course will also include a detailed

training in ORSA Rifle and Pistol Standard Operating Procedures on each range.

Class is limited to 20 participants on a first come-first served basis. Cost for the class is \$30.00 which will include the training manual, and all materials. Drinks are available at the Indoor Range. In addition, be sure to bring a snack lunch and some snacks as it will be a long day. Upon completion of the class, you may or may not elect to register your certificate with the NRA. NRA members pay a nominal fee. Non-members will be able to register for \$35.

We may be outside for at least an hour, so dress accordingly.

For more information or to register please contact the course facilitator, **John Barone**, at [johnnyb19@me.com](mailto:johnnyb19@me.com). **Registration closes May 1, 2026.**

# OAK RIDGE SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION

## Long Range Rifle Clinic - April 25, 2026

### ***Introduction to Precision Shooting for New Shooters***

#### **Introduction**

This Long Range Rifle Clinic is designed for new and developing shooters who want to learn the fundamentals of precision rifle shooting. The clinic focuses on safety, proper equipment setup, basic shooting skills, and an introduction to reloading ammunition for long-range accuracy. Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive environment where shooters can build confidence, understand their rifle system, and develop a solid foundation for long-range shooting.

No prior long-range experience is required. Instruction will be hands-on, structured, and paced for beginners.

#### **Safety**

Safety is the highest priority during this clinic. All participants are required to follow range rules and instructor commands at all times.

#### **Key Safety Rules Include:**

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
- Know your target and what is beyond it
- Actions open and chambers clear unless instructed otherwise
- Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times on the firing line

Any unsafe behavior may result in removal from the clinic without refund.

#### **Requirements**

Participants must bring the following:

#### **Equipment:**

- Bolt-action or semi-automatic rifle suitable for long-range shooting
- Quality optic with adjustable elevation turret (recommended)
- Ammunition (factory or handloaded)
- Bipod or front support
- Rear bag or support
- Eye and ear protection

- Data book or notebook
- Weather-appropriate clothing and hydration

#### **Recommended (Not Required):**

- Ballistic app or DOPE card
- Sling
- Spotting scope or binoculars

#### **Basic Skill Lessons**

Instruction will focus on core fundamentals needed for consistent accuracy:

- Rifle setup and fit
- Scope setup and zeroing
- Natural point of aim
- Proper shooting position (prone focus)
- Trigger control and follow-through
- Breathing techniques
- Understanding minute of angle (MOA) and milliradian (MIL) adjustments
- Reading basic wind indicators
- Introduction to gathering and recording DOPE

#### **Basic Reloading for Long Range Accuracy**

This section provides an **introductory overview** of ammunition reloading for precision shooting. It is educational in nature and not a substitute for full reloading training.

#### **Topics Covered:**

- Purpose and benefits of reloading for long range
- Components overview (brass, bullets, primers, powder)
- Importance of consistency and safety
- Basic case preparation concepts
- Bullet seating and overall length basics
- Understanding velocity spread and accuracy
- Safety considerations and use of published load data

No live reloading will be performed during the clinic.

**The clinic will start in the club house @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Attendance will be limited to 30 shooters.**

**We encourage you to pre-register by emailing [precisionwelding01@comcast.net](mailto:precisionwelding01@comcast.net)**

**The cost of the clinic will be \$35.00**

Rifle and Pistol is pleased to offer,  
**Ladies' Day at the Indoor Range**  
**Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon**

This is open to all women age 16 and up, beginner to expert.

For too long, many considered shooting sports to be a male-dominated arena. But we're here to tell you that's changing, and there's never been a better time for women to get involved.

like-minded individuals, build friendships, and learn from experienced shooters. Ladies' Day is an ideal opportunity for us to make friends and help each other learn and improve at the range.

### Why Should Women Get Involved?

- **Empowerment:** Mastering a firearm and hitting your target is an incredibly empowering experience. It builds self-assurance and a sense of capability that extends beyond the range.
  - **Focus and Concentration:** Shooting sports require intense focus and mental discipline. It's a fantastic way to sharpen your concentration skills and clear your mind.
  - **Community:** The shooting sports community is welcoming and supportive. You'll find opportunities to connect with
  - **Self-Defense Skills:** Whether your interest is sport shooting or self-defense training, familiarity with firearms and safe gun handling is a valuable foundation. Anyone who lives in a home with firearms should have a basic knowledge of how to safely load, clear, and use the weapon if needed.
  - **It's Plain Fun!** Let's be honest, hitting a target is satisfying! Shooting sports offer a unique and enjoyable way to challenge yourself, whether you choose to compete with others or simply improve your own score.
- For more information, contact Angi Agle, 865-272-9215 or [ORSAladies@gmail.com](mailto:ORSAladies@gmail.com)**

### • • • ACTION PISTOL NEWS • • •

- Access to the Action Pistol range for practice requires participants to attend an AP Orientation session. Classes are held monthly at the AP building.
- Due to limited seating and health restrictions Walk-ins are not allowed.
- Use the link below to register for the AP orientation class of your choice.

<https://practiscore.com/clubs/oak-ridge-sportsman-association>

## New Shotgun Shooter Clinic

We will be hosting a New Shooter Clinic on **Saturday, June 13, 2026, between 8:00-12:00**. It will be held in the clubhouse where an overview of shotgun shooting sports will be provided prior to general gun fitting and transition to shooting on the fields. There is no charge for the clinic but there is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of targets. Youth are welcome to attend provided they have completed a hunter safety course.

Participants will need to supply their own gun and one box of target loads. The clinic is designed for new shooters or those interested in reviewing shotgun shooting fundamentals. The clinic is limited to 20 individuals.

Anyone interested in attending should email **Todd Kisling** at [TAKisling@gmail.com](mailto:TAKisling@gmail.com) to register.

## Membership Frequently Asked Questions

I wanted to answer some of the frequently asked questions of membership.

One of the most frequent questions asked is, **Will I get notified when my membership is due?** The answer is **yes** – renewals are mailed out about 30 days prior to your expiration date. All memberships expire on the last day of the month – for example if your renewal date is May 2026 – you'll receive notice around the beginning of May. If your membership lapses over a year – you are required to go through the new member process again – so watch for the renewal notice.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> most asked question is spouse

cards. There are no renewal dues for a spouse card – the renewal form does need to be returned for the spouse card to remain active. If you send the \$10 we consider it a donation to the club.

A new process is also being implemented this year – starting with the end of the 1st quarter of 2026 – we will now be mailing out reminders to those that didn't renew in the 3 months prior.

I'm always happy to help our members – if you have questions don't hesitate to call or email. **423-628-5471** or [orsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:orsamembership@gmail.com)

**- Jody Zorsch, Membership Secretary**

Do you know that in our vastly majority conservative state it is unlawful to carry a firearm? If you strap on your gun “with the intent to go armed” you are in violation of the Tennessee Constitution. Yep, it doesn’t make one ounce of common sense. Of course if you strap on a gun, even if you have a carry permit, YOU are intending to go armed. But Tennessee law, as currently written, makes you a felon.

How can this be possible in our state where we have super majorities in the State House, the Senate, and have had Republican governors? And all these Republicans **claim** that they support the Second Amendment.

There was a lawsuit challenging whether this statute, and a second statute banning firearms in parks, violates the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. In August of last year a court ruled that INDEED these statutes violated the U.S. Constitution.

So great, all the legislature had to do was to cancel out these laws that violated the U.S. Constitution. BUT WAIT, Governor Lee and his lackey the Attorney General APPEALED the court ruling. Tennessee citizens are now paying for this appeal. Nonetheless our Republican super majorities in the legislature are sure to move quickly to bring the Tennessee Constitution in line with the U.S. Constitution. Not so fast there common sense Second Amendment supporter. Our Republican legislators are set to betray us like the Governor and Attorney General. We, common sense, Second Amendment supporters need to rise up and first tell our respective representatives that they MUST change to Tennessee Constitution OR they need to be voted out of office. See the articles below for more information.

To prove that evil never rests, it is not enough that the Attorney General and Legislature is working against Tennessee citizens as per above. Now it appears that the Attorney General, and at least some of the legislators, are now seeking prevent Tennessee citizens from challenging Tennessee laws or the Tennessee Constitution.

They must believe that they know what is best for us and therefore we citizens have no right to challenge them in the courts. This is evil, pure evil. See the last article for more information.

**March 10, 2026**

### **Is House Bill 2064 (Senate Bill 2467) a genuine proposal to repeal "intent to go armed"?**

In August 2025, a specially convened Tennessee three-judge trial court [unanimously ruled](#) that two of Tennessee’s gun control statutes - Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(a) (the “Going Armed Statute”) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1311(a) (the “Parks Statute”) - violated the Tennessee Constitution as well as the Second Amendment. Of course, Tennessee Firearms Association supporters have been asserting that conclusion for decades but Tennessee’s Legislature and other government officials have failed to support the repeal of these statutes.



Following that ruling, a couple of bills were filed in January 2026 that had the potential to repeal those two statutes. One of those bills was [House Bill 2064](#) (by Chris Todd) [Senate Bill 2467](#) (by Paul Bailey). Initial assessments were that Todd’s bill had the support of many House Republicans (e.g, Lamberth, McCalmon, Howell, Bulso, Slater, Doggett, Grills, Sherrell, Martin B, Russell, Garrett, Sparks, Boyd, Haston, Reneau, Moon, Cepicky, Fritts, Barrett, Capley, Hill, Atchley, Bricken, Reeves, Hurt, and Powers). That demonstration of support suggested to those who may not be experienced that the bill would likely make it to the House floor and pass this year.

But, Tennessee Firearms Association’s assessment of the bill suggested that while some provisions of the bill were desirable - such as the sections repealing the two statutes that the three-judge panel had declared unconstitutional - other provisions suggested that the legislation contained provisions that, while perhaps desirable, should have never been included in a bill that should have merely repealed the two unconstitutional provisions and done some

cleanup work necessitated by the repeal of those provisions.

The bill's recent history, despite the technical appearance of many leadership level co-sponsors, suggests that this bill may never make it out of subcommittee. It was filed on January 23, 2026. It was assigned for the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee which is chaired by Clay Doggett who is a co-sponsor on the bill and who has a very strong reputation for actually supporting Second Amendment legislation. Further, this subcommittee is comprised of 7 Republicans and two Democrats (all appointed by Speaker Sexton). Indeed, four of the nine committee members are co-sponsors on the bill.

The bill has been scheduled for hearing in that subcommittee for February 18, March 4, March 11 and now potentially March 18. That continuous delay of the bill suggests that either Rep. Todd does not have the votes from his fellow Republicans to get the bill out of the committee or perhaps that Rep. Todd is "controlling the hockey puck."

What is "controlling the hockey puck"? Decades ago, TFA was told by a Democrat House Committee chair, who was supportive of 2nd Amendment legislation, to be wary of drawing the conclusion that the sponsorship or co-sponsorship of legislation was the same as supporting the legislation. That Democrat committee chair explained that it was a common strategy and practice in the Legislature that if you wanted to make sure certain issues were not enacted that you would file the legislation yourself and then simply not move it forward - this "controlling the hockey puck." That way you could claim (perhaps in a re-election bid) to be a sponsor or supporter of certain issues but that the legislation simply did not have the votes to pass. Thus, sometimes sponsorship is for propaganda purposes and not an indication of zealous constitutional support.

Now, at this point, it is hard to say if the hockey puck strategy is being implemented to kill this legislation or if it is yet another example of a recurring problem (setting aside the portions of the bill that even TFA does not support) that

a sufficient number of House Republicans have perhaps told the sponsor that they will not support the legislation as it is.

This bill needs to be amended. It needs to be laser focused on two issues: repealing "intent to go armed" entirely and repealing the "parks" statute entirely. Any of the other issues, whether good ideas or not, should be handled in other legislation. What Tennessee needs now is simply legislation that does nothing more than repeals two unconstitutional statutes that Bill Lee and Jonathan Skrmetti are trying to preserve.

What about the Senate version? The Senate version has been assigned to Senate Judiciary committee which although having a 7-2 Republican control has recently demonstrated that at least 4 of those Republicans do not always support the constitution. Senate Judiciary has not scheduled Senator Bailey's companion bill for a hearing - perhaps because they know that its dead in the House for one reason or another.

### **What would an amendment look like?**

This is likely all that it would take:

*SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307 is amended by deleting subsection (a).*

*SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311 is deleted.*

While some other parts of the bill propose other valid and relevant changes, they are not necessary or urgent. Further, by amending the bill to these two sections the votes will tell us which legislators truly will honor their campaign promises and oath.

### **What can you do?**

1. Read the unanimous trial court opinion to understand the issues.
2. Contact your legislators to demand that they ensure that these two statutes are repealed before they adjourn this year.

3. Insist that your legislators demand the amendment of HB2064 and SB2467 to clean it up to only address the unconstitutional statutes.

4. Share this information with family, friends and other Second Amendment supporters to encourage them to contact their legislators.

If you appreciate the work of the Tennessee Firearms Association on issues such as this, please consider joining. You can also make charitable donations to the [Tennessee Firearms Foundation](#) to help fund this and other public interest litigation that focuses on restoring fully the rights protected from government infringement by the Constitutions.

### **March 6, 2026**

#### **Plaintiffs file appellate brief opposing State's efforts to overturn trial court ruling in Hughes et al v. Lee et al.**

On March 6, 2026, Plaintiffs Stephen Hughes, Duncan O'Mara, Elaine Kehel, Gun Owners of America, Inc., and Gun Owners Foundation filed their joint [Appellees' brief](#) in response to the appeal by the State of Tennessee from a unanimous three-judge trial court panel's [ruling](#) in August 2025 that two of Tennessee's gun control statutes violated the Tennessee Constitution, as constrained by the Second Amendment.

At issue in the case is a state constitutional challenge to two Tennessee gun control laws. The first - Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(a) (the "Going Armed Statute") - broadly prohibits the carrying of a firearm - even within one's own home - "with the intent to go armed," thereby criminalizing the constitutional right to "keep and bear arms" by default, and transmuting it to an affirmative defense to that criminal charge.

The second challenged statute - Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1311(a) (the "Parks Statute") - generally prohibits carrying a firearm in parks and other "public recreational buildings and grounds," inherently ordinary and nonsensitive places where the Framers never would have prohibited firearms.

These criminal statutes allow law enforcement to stop, detain, question, arrest, and criminally prosecute individuals for no reason other than because they exercised their enumerated right to bear arms. Although statutory exceptions exist, those exceptions operate only as affirmative defenses, meaning they do not bar prosecution at the outset. In Tennessee, the carrying of a firearm anywhere is a crime by default. Every. Single. Time.

Indeed, it is a crime in Tennessee to carry a firearm, with the intent to go armed, on your own property and even in your own home.

Tennessee Firearms Association has been urging Tennessee's Legislators for many years to repeal these unconstitutional statutes. However, legislators, the Haslam Administration, the Lee Administration, the TBI, the Department of Safety and many representatives of local law enforcement have worked together to preserve these statutes - rather than repeal them - by claiming that they are constitutional. Although a three-judge trial court panel unanimously ruled otherwise, as of today Tennessee's Republican super majority in the Legislature has failed to repeal these statutes.

Two candidates in the Republican Primary for governor - Rep. Monty Fritts and Congressman John Rose - have each expressed public agreement with the trial court ruling and have spoken against the State's appeal. Numerous other candidates for local, state and federal office have likewise called for the repeal of these statutes subsequent to the trial court's ruling. Legislation that would repeal these two statutes is once again pending but appears stalled in the committee system.

Worse, Republican legislators, led by Senator John Stevens and Representative Andrew Farmer are pushing legislation that would make it more difficult if not impossible to bring future constitutional challenges to the Legislature's numerous unconstitutional statutes. (See Senate Bill 1958 and House Bill 1971)

#### **What can you do?**

1. Read the unanimous opinion and the Appellees' brief to understand the issues.
2. Contact your legislators to demand that they ensure that these two statutes are repealed before they adjourn this year.
3. Insist that your legislators defeat SB1958 and HB1971 to protect the right to bring other constitutional challenges to Tennessee's other gun control laws.
4. Share this information with family, friends and other Second Amendment supporters to encourage them to contact their legislators.

**John Harris**  
**Executive Director**  
**Tennessee Firearms Association**

### **Senate Bill 1958/HB1971: Protecting Your Rights or Protecting Politicians from Constitutional Limits**

Tennesseans must treat [Senate Bill 1958 \(HB1971\)](#) as a **serious constitutional alarm bell**. This proposal by Republican Legislators (Senator John Stevens and Representative Andrew Farmer) is far more than a technical procedural revision as Stevens suggested to the Senate Judiciary. At its core, SB1958 would dismantle the ability of Tennesseans to file declaratory judgment actions challenging whether state statutes violate the Tennessee or United States Constitutions unless the individual has already suffered damage. That is, the statute seeks to ban facial and pre-enforcement challenges claiming that state statutes are unconstitutional.

Declaratory judgment laws have long served as a peaceful, orderly mechanism allowing citizens to ask courts a fundamental question: *Is this law constitutional?* Crucially, they permit that question to be asked **before** a citizen must risk prosecution, penalties, financial loss, or other harm. Eliminating that safeguard alters the balance of power between the government and the governed.

Reports have indicated that SB1958 may have originated not from citizen demands, but from

within the Tennessee Attorney General's office itself (see [Tennessean news story](#)). If that account is accurate, Tennesseans must confront an uncomfortable but necessary inquiry that goes far beyond the Legislature's attack on their rights. Tennesseans must also ask: Why would the state's highest legal officer seek legislation that blocks and at a minimum significantly narrows citizens' access to judicial review?

The Attorney General is widely understood by the public to be a guardian of lawful governance, [swearing to God](#) to support both the federal and state constitutions. That oath reflects fidelity to constitutional limits, not to legislative enactments. Indeed, the oath is silent as to any duty to defend legislative enactments that violate the constitutional boundaries that citizens have imposed on government authority. Any initiative – even if it originated from the Attorney General – perceived as making it more difficult for citizens to test the constitutionality of statutes demands exacting scrutiny.

SB1958/HB1971 therefore raises concerns extending beyond any single policy dispute. Declaratory judgment procedures are not loopholes, technicalities, or litigation gamesmanship. They are structural instruments preserving constitutional order. They allow courts – the branch specifically charged with interpreting constitutional limits – to perform that duty without forcing citizens into unnecessary jeopardy. Requiring citizens to first suffer enforcement, punishment, or economic damage before obtaining judicial review weakens the practical enforceability of constitutional guarantees. Rights that cannot be timely tested are rights placed at risk.

Further, the question of who is pushing for the changes embodied in SB1958/HB1971 raises even broader questions for Tennesseans. Is it necessary that the state's constitution be changed to require a publicly elected Attorney General whose first priority will be actually to enforce the constitutions when necessary against government violators?

Tennesseans must understand that constitutional governance depends on friction between

branches — not insulation from review. Legislators swear to uphold the Constitution but frequently do not. Courts exist to interpret the Constitution but not to make policy. Citizens retain the sovereign right to invoke judicial review when they believe constitutional boundaries have been crossed. **Any legislation perceived as shielding statutes from scrutiny, delaying review until after harm occurs, or narrowing access to the courts should trigger immediate civic engagement and outrage directed at the public officials who so brazenly seek to “defend the king” against the actual sovereignty of the people.**

This is the moment for vigilance, not passivity. Contact your legislators. Demand clear explanations of what SB1958/HB1971 changes and why. Ask specifically whether it limits pre-enforcement constitutional challenges. Ask who requested it. Ask how citizens are expected to protect their rights the Legislature bans declaratory remedies. Attend hearings. Inform neighbors. Engage local media. Constitutional accountability rarely erodes through dramatic declarations — it more often contracts quietly through procedural revisions that escape widespread attention.

Tennessee’s constitutional framework ultimately rests not only on elected officials and judges, but on an informed and active citizenry. When proposals arise that reshape or eliminate access to judicial review, silence is not neutrality — it is surrender of oversight. Now is the time to question, to examine, and, where warranted, to oppose.

### **Grassroots Engagement**

Here are some suggested approaches to phone calls and emails that you can modify and adopt to your needs:

**Legislator Phone Call** (sample – edit to your preference)

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_, and I’m a constituent from \_\_\_\_ (city/zip). I’m calling to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 1958 by John Stevens and House Bill 1971 by Andrew Farmer.

These bills seek to block Tennesseans’ ability to bring declaratory judgment actions to challenge whether a state statute violates the Tennessee or United States Constitutions. Declaratory judgment procedures are a long-standing safeguard that allow citizens to seek judicial review **before** risking penalties or enforcement harm.

Please let the Senator/Representative know that I oppose strongly limiting pre-enforcement constitutional review. Doing so weakens my ability to protect my rights and disrupts the balance of powers between the citizens and the Legislature in which the courts merely serve to enforce the constitution. John Harris, Tennessee Firearms Assn.

**Richard Stouder**  
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