



The Gas-Operated Semi-Automatic Firearms Exclusion (GOSAFE) Act

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As a gun owner, a combat veteran, and the husband of a survivor of gun violence, Senator Mark Kelly knows firsthand the damage a firearm can do on the battlefield or at a neighborhood grocery store. The *GOSAFE Act* is a new, commonsense proposal to protect communities from gun violence while safeguarding Americans' constitutional right to own a firearm. It would regulate the most dangerous gas-operated semi-automatic rifles, detachable high-capacity magazines, and the accessories that have increasingly concerned law enforcement and been used in mass shootings.

Regulates Sale, Transfer, and Manufacture of the Most Deadly Semi-Automatic Firearms

- The *GOSAFE Act* regulates firearms based on the lethality of their internal mechanisms as opposed to focusing on cosmetic features that manufacturers can easily modify.
- If enacted, the bill would regulate the sale, transfer, and manufacture of gas-operated semi-automatic weapons by:
 - Establishing a list of prohibited firearms;
 - Preventing unlawful modifications of permissible firearms;
 - Ensuring future gas-operated designs are approved before manufacture;
 - Preventing unlawful firearm self-assembly and manufacturing;
 - Making conversion devices such as bump stocks and Glock switches unlawful;
 - And allowing current gun owners to keep newly prohibited firearms, while preventing the transfer or sale of these items except to immediate family members.

Protects Americans' Second Amendment Rights

- The *GOSAFE Act* protects Americans' constitutional right to own a gun based on a firearm's established use for self-defense, hunting or sporting purposes by including exemptions based on maximum ammunition capacity according to a firearm's individual class: a rifle, shotgun, or handgun.
- This capacity must be permanently fixed meaning the firearm cannot accept a detachable, high-capacity magazine that would increase the number of rounds that can be fired before reloading.
- Exemptions include:
 - .22 caliber rimfire or less firearms; Bolt action rifles; Semi-automatic shotguns; Recoil-operated handguns; Any rifle with a permanently fixed magazine of 10 rounds or less; Any shotgun with a permanently fixed magazine of 10 rounds or less; Any handgun with a permanently fixed magazine of 15 rounds or less

Limits High-Capacity Ammunition Devices

- The *GOSAFE Act* limits a firearm's ability to inflict maximum harm in a short amount of time by directly regulating high capacity ammunition feeding devices.
- The bill would limit the number of rounds that detachable ammunition feeding devices are permitted to carry to 10 rounds of ammunition or fewer.

Creates Optional Compensation Program

- The *GOSAFE Act* will establish an optional buy-back program, which would allow firearm owners to voluntarily receive compensation in exchange for non-transferrable firearms.