

April 1, 2015
Representatives,

Vote "AGAINST S.141". We don't need new firearm laws.

Don't be influenced by Gun Sense Vermont and its lobbyist Wilkinson-Ray and their national expertise (Michael Bloomberg) for approval. Since when has Vermont given up its independent thinking and way of life to outside national approval on governing Vermont's citizens?

As the legislature has been **conniving** to cover the \$100 million dollar deficit it make me wonder where the funding to take over the Fed's job (manpower: investigating, prosecuting and then housing & rehabilitation) is coming from. The Senate didn't take up this issue so apparently it has yet to be worked out? Plus setting up the procedure with the Feds for recovering one's second amendment right to own firearms must have taken some work - or is this just "feel good verbiage again"? If the Feds aren't doing their job then you folks should be pressuring Welch, Leahy and Sanders to straighten this out in Washington.

"Vermont's five-year budget growth trend averages 2.6 percent, with federal funds included. However, the five-year growth trend for general fund spending — the amount paid exclusively by Vermonters — is 4.9 percent. Given the 4.9 percent growth in year-over-year spending, talk of budget "cuts," is really an illusion."! What a great road map to recovery.

Sincerely your,
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