

Body Paragraph--Gun Control

Opponents of federally mandated background checks say that background checks infringe upon the 2nd amendment right to bear arms. In fact, NRA leaders say that background checks are a slippery slope toward even tighter gun regulations (Steers). There is no evidence, however, to suggest that background checks will lead to any infringement on the individual right to bear arms. The background check is designed to keep guns out of the hands of convicted felons who have given up their right to bear arms the moment they decided to commit a crime. Joe Manchin agrees and says, "We need to educate law-abiding gun owners, like myself, people that might belong to the NRA that this bill not only protects your Second Amendment but expands the Second Amendment." Background checks are used all across the country in other areas of life, and there is no reason to suggest that background checks would infringe on a law-abiding citizen's ability to acquire a weapon.

Steers, Jonathan. "Slippery Slopes in Gun Regulations." *NRA.org*. 12 May 2009. Web. 20 April 2016.

Manchin, Joseph. "Reasonable Gun Measures." *New York Times*. *NYTimes.org*. 14 August 2010. Web. 20 April 2016.

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