

Coalition of New Jersey Firearm Owners

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Sewell, NJ - The Coalition of New Jersey Firearm Owners (CNJFO) has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey challenging New Jersey's Permit to Purchase a Handgun (PPH) requirement, the One Gun a Month (OGAM) handgun purchase limit, and the associated delays.

Joining CNJFO are Gunowners of America (GOA), Gunowners Foundation (GOF), and private citizen Christian Benton. Named as defendants are New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin, and Pennsauken Chief of Police Phil Olivo, in their official capacity.

Erich Pratt, GOA's Senior Vice President, issued the following statement:

"New Jersey represents the worst of the worst when it comes to gun control, and as highlighted in our suit, residents of the state don't have to undergo such an extensive and onerous process in order to exercise any other enumerated constitutional right. We're very optimistic that this case will eventually be the means by which we finally dismantle New Jersey's unconstitutional permitting policies and liberate their citizens from their anti-gun tyranny."

Sam Paredes, on behalf of the board for GOF, added:

"Governor Murphy and AG Platkin have repeatedly and insubordinately bemoaned the Second Amendment and federal court rulings that overturned gun control for years now, and we are excited to finally be confronting these tyrants head on. As we've been telling policymakers since the Bruen decision, fall in line, or we will make you."

As argued in the suit, *Benton v. Platkin*, both the PPH and OGAM are violations of the Second and Fourteenth Amendments, CNJFO is seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. Under the *Bruen* ruling of June 2022, if the government seeks to restrict the keeping or bearing of arms in a particular way, it must prove that its current restriction is sufficiently analogous to a well-established and representative historical analogue. There are no well-established and representative analogues to justify these restrictions.

"I personally endorse and support this case and have been involved since its inception. Please join me in supporting this case as we continue to work together to make law abiding firearms owners safe from the unconstitutional feel good firearms laws that burden us here in N.J." - Mark Cheeseman, Founder of New Jersey Firearms Owners Syndicate and CNJFO member.