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Dear Warren County Board of Supervisors,

Warren County N.Y.

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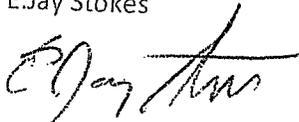
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REPEAL THE NEW YORK SECURE AMMUNITION AND FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) ACT OF 2013

My name is E.Jay Stokes and I live in Lake Luzerne, Warren County. I would like to submit a copy of a resolution once again opposing the SAFE Act. The accompanying document has been presented and accepted in several other counties in N.Y. recently. The counties that have made resolutions are St. Lawrence and Schuyler Counties. I know that the Warren County Board of Supervisor's made a resolution in the past and I would hope that now that the Senate bills have been reintroduced that once again our County Leaders would step up and make a new resolution stating their concerns about the Act.

I have modified the County name and left information blank with question marks in order to make the document more usable. I thought that supplying this document it may make the job easier for the board to develop a resolutions if they so decide. I hope that our Board of Supervisors will consider making the new resolution. I will make myself available to present this to the board if the board feels it is necessary.

Sincerely,

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I am a member of Congresswomen Elise Stefanik's 2nd Amendment Coalition, Board Member of the New York Revolution, Life member or the NRA, SCOPE member, NY2A member.

Resolution No. ___

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REPEAL THE NEW YORK SECURE AMMUNITION AND FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) ACT OF 2013

WHEREAS, Senate bills S511-2015 and S1193-2015 have been introduced to the New York State Senate by Senators Michael Nozzolio and Katherine Marchione respectively, which would repeal all or part of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, and

WHEREAS, this Legislative Body has long advocated for the protection of the rights afforded our citizens under the Constitution, which has for generations guided our Nation and served as a framework to our Republic and society, and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States provides for the "right of the people to keep and bear arms" and further states that this right "shall not be infringed", and

WHEREAS, members of the Warren County Legislature, being elected to represent the people of Warren County, are duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS, members of the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate, being elected by the people of New York State, are duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Law of the State of New York states in Article 2 Section 4, "Right to keep and bear arms. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms cannot be infringed."

WHEREAS, the lawful ownership of firearms is a recreational benefit to our residents through hunting and target shooting, along with an economic and environmental benefit to our region with several locally owned and operated gun/sporting businesses, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (NY SAFE Act) of 2013 which was rushed to passage by the New York State Senate, Assembly and Governor, will have a Detrimental effect on hunters, sportsmen and legal gun owners, creating a hostile environment both for them and for the sale and manufacture of legal

firearms, and

WHEREAS, the legislation prohibits the sale of firearm magazines with a capacity larger than seven (7) rounds and, those firearm magazines with a capacity larger than seven (7) rounds, which are authorized to be retained by existing owners, may only be loaded with seven (7) rounds and eventually must be permanently altered to only accept seven (7) rounds or be disposed of, and

WHEREAS, few or no low capacity (seven (7) rounds or less) magazines currently exist for many of the firearms commonly possessed by law-abiding residents of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the legislation severely impacts the possession and use of firearms now employed by the residents of Warren County for the defense of life, liberty and property, and

WHEREAS, the legislation severely impacts the possession and use of firearms now employed for safe forms of recreation including, but not limited to hunting and target shooting, and

WHEREAS, while there are some areas of the legislation that the Warren County Legislature finds encouraging, such as the strengthening of Kendra's Law and Marks's Law, as well as privacy protections for lawful permit holders, we find the legislation fails to offer little meaningful solutions to gun violence and places undue burdens where they don't belong, squarely on the backs of law abiding citizens, and

WHEREAS, there are many parts of this legislation that place an unfunded mandate on the local Sheriff Departments, County Clerk's Office and County Judges, while tax payers are crying out for relief, and

WHEREAS, there will be significant financial impact due to the Warren County pistol permits that will have to be renewed requiring additional manpower and computer systems, and

WHEREAS, requiring law-abiding gun owners to verify ownership of certain types of firearms every five years, in addition to registering them on permits, which now also must be renewed every five years, does not increase the safety of the public and is unnecessarily burdensome to the residents of New York State, and

WHEREAS, this legislation effectively treats countless New York State law abiding gun owners as criminals, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the NY SAFE Act has engendered significant controversy over both the process by which it was enacted and certain provisions contained within, and

WHEREAS, the manner in which this legislation was brought forward for

vote in the State Legislature is deeply disturbing to the Warren County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, this legislative body voted to oppose the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 for all reasons stated above in RESOLUTION NO.???? Warren County Legislative proceedings of March ?th, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Legislature does hereby support Senators Michael Nozzolio's and Katherine Marchione's bills S511-2015 and S1193-2015 to repeal all or part of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Legislature supports the introduction of an Assembly bill which calls for the full repeal of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Act of 2013, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this legislature supports efforts by the New York State Legislature to remove funds for enforcement of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Act of 2013 from the New York State Budget, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York, Senator Elizabeth, Little, and Assemblyman Dan Stec. Warren County Sheriff Bud York, NYS Sheriffs' Association president Sheriff, James Voutour Superintendent of the NY State police Joseph A. D'Amico, Congresswomen Elise Stefanik and the New York State Association of Counties.