

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMULLEN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution recognizes a  
2 pre-existing, God-given right of the people to keep and bear arms, which necessarily includes  
3 ammunition as firearms are rendered useless without it; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution protects this same  
6 right of the citizens with an explicit inclusion of ammunition; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, it is utterly inappropriate for any government official who takes an oath  
9 to support and uphold the Constitution to actively seek to curtail or end the supply of essential  
10 ammunition available to the citizenry; and  
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12           **WHEREAS**, the preparedness of the United States military to fight aggressors  
13 anywhere in the world should be the single most critical concern of the federal government;  
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16           **WHEREAS**, private industry, including within this state, serves an essential national  
17 security role by providing our military forces with the tools and equipment necessary to keep  
18 our country and countless others free from tyranny and evil; and  
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20           **WHEREAS**, one such private industry member operates the Lake City Army  
21 Ammunition Plant here in the Show-Me State, providing vital ammunition to the fighting  
22 men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and  
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24           **WHEREAS**, since 2001, the United States government has encouraged this private  
25 company to sell certain surplus ammunition made in the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant  
26 to law-abiding Americans during times of relative peace in order to ensure the plant continues

27 to run near capacity so there is no delay in providing needed ammunition to the military when  
28 the next unavoidable conflict arises; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, the nation's more than 100 million firearm owners keep and use their  
31 estimated 470 million firearms responsibly and legally every single day of the year without  
32 recognition or fanfare; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, research suggests that firearms of every type are used up to 2.5 million  
35 times every year in America to defend against violence; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, emotional calls from public policymakers to halt commercial sales of  
38 surplus ammunition from the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant should be summarily  
39 rejected in order to maintain adequate supplies of ammunition to the American public and,  
40 critically, to maintain United States military preparedness; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, a prohibition on the commercial sale of this ammunition would result in  
43 the loss of up to 700 jobs in the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, detrimentally affecting  
44 hundreds of hardworking families living in this state; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly supports the patriotic workers of the  
47 Lake City Army Ammunition Plant and their contribution to the exercise of the citizens'  
48 constitutional right to keep and bear arms and to national defense:

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50 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
51 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the  
52 Senate concurring therein, hereby support the continued civilian sale of surplus ammunition  
53 manufactured in the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant and urge the United States  
54 government to reject any and all calls to end these sales; and

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56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
57 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each  
58 member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

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