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This is an unconstitutional rewriting of the 2nd Amendment. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." During the Founding Era the term "militia" referred to the citizenry generally, or at least to all able-bodied men between certain ages. James Madison's Federalist No. 46 referred to an American "militia amounting to near half a millions of citizens with arms in their hands." The writings of Tech Coxe, in his third "Pennsylvanian" essay wrote in his third essay during 1788 that "The powers of the sword are in the hands of the yeomanry of America from sixteen to sixty ... who are the militia? Are they not ourselves ... Congress have no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birth-right of an American. What clause in the state or federal constitution hath given away that important right ... The unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but where I trust in God it will every remain, in the hands of the people."

Do not rewrite the 2nd Amendment with your intent of taking away more of our inalienable rights (those given by God)!