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Limiting the capacity of firearm magazines is not only unconstitutional but also puts law-abiding citizens at greater risk. The Second Amendment protects the right of Americans to keep and bear arms, and imposing arbitrary restrictions on magazine capacity infringes on that right. While such laws are often presented as measures to reduce crime, they fail to account for a fundamental reality: criminals do not follow the law.

Those with malicious intent will continue to acquire illegal weapons and high-capacity magazines regardless of legislation. Meanwhile, law-abiding citizens — those who seek only to defend themselves and their families — are placed at a serious disadvantage. In a real-life threat situation, limiting magazine capacity could force someone to stop and reload, leaving them vulnerable when they need protection most.

Furthermore, home invasions, carjackings, and other violent crimes often involve multiple attackers. A homeowner or bystander facing several armed assailants may require more than just a few rounds to defend themselves effectively. Restricting magazine capacity assumes that life-or-death situations are predictable, which is far from reality.

Ultimately, criminals exploit weakness, and disarming responsible citizens through restrictive laws only emboldens those who operate outside the law. Protecting the Second Amendment ensures that law-abiding citizens can adequately defend themselves and their loved ones. Instead of targeting responsible gun owners, policymakers should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing the root causes of crime.