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The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified on December 15, 1791, enshrines the fundamental right of individuals to keep and bear arms. Its clear language, stating that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," underscores the importance of this right in a free society. The framers of the Constitution understood that an armed populace serves as a bulwark against tyranny and promotes individual liberty. Therefore, any legislative effort that seeks to restrict this right is not only misguided but constitutes an affront to the Constitution itself.

Bill 114 represents a direct challenge to this constitutional guarantee. It is essential to recognize that Supreme Court rulings have consistently affirmed the Second Amendment as protecting individual rights rather than merely collective militia service. By attempting to impose restrictions through Bill 114, lawmakers are disregarding both judicial precedent and the explicit wording of the Second Amendment. This is crucial for citizens to remain vigilant against any attempts at infringing upon their rights. The phrase "shall not be infringed" leaves little room for interpretation; it demands unequivocal respect for individual freedoms. The removal or alteration of such protections jeopardizes not just personal liberties but also undermines public trust in government institutions tasked with upholding constitutional rights. Thus, Bill 114 must be rescinded immediately in order to preserve our foundational values and safeguard our freedoms.