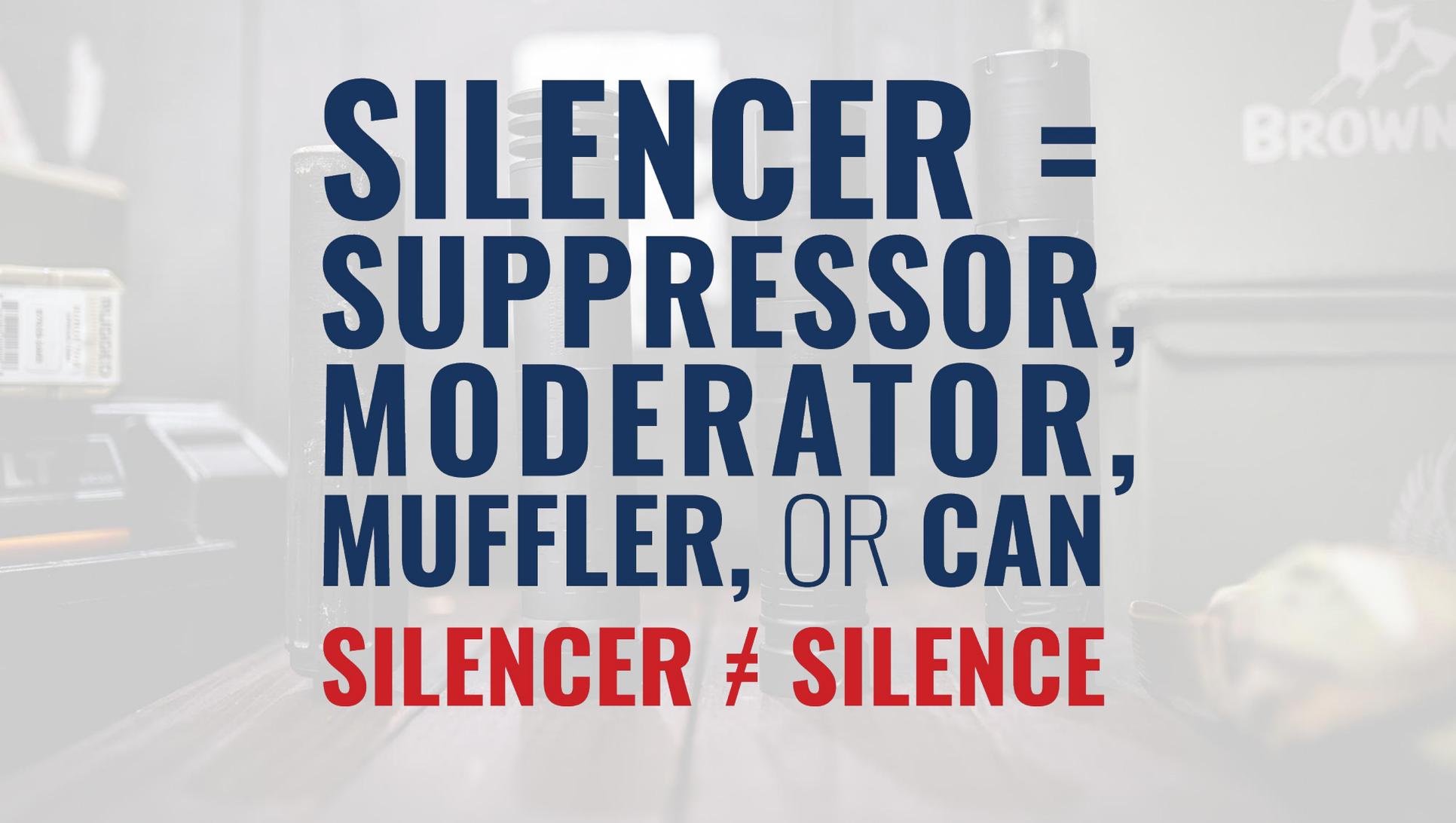




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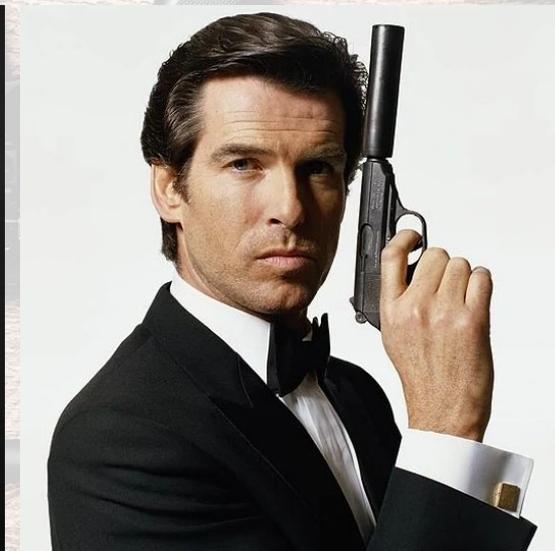
SUPPRESSORS AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT



**SILENCER =
SUPPRESSOR,
MODERATOR,
MUFFLER, OR CAN**

SILENCER ≠ SILENCE

PUBLIC PERCEPTION

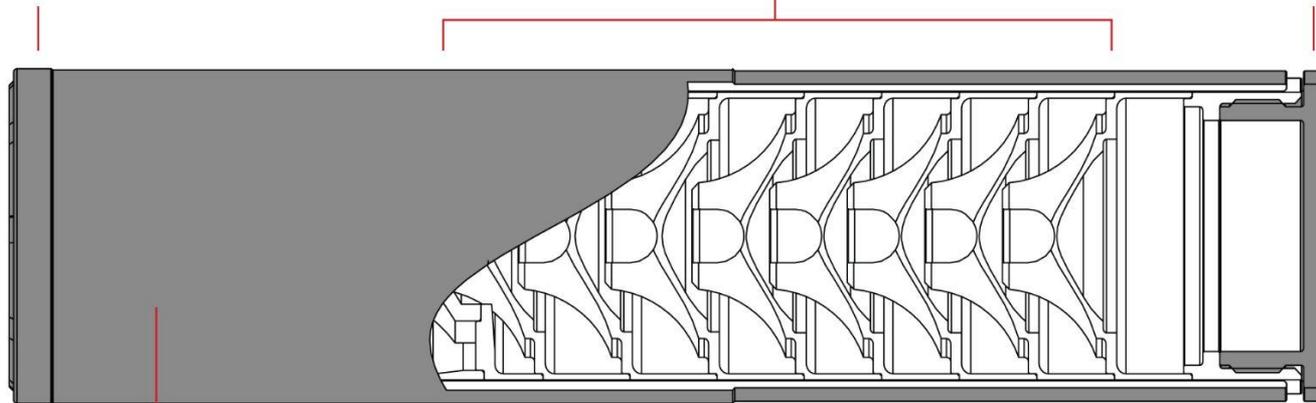


TRADITIONAL RIFLE SUPPRESSOR

Threaded rear mount
for installing on host rifle

Internal series of baffles to
trap and cool propellant gasses

Front Cap



Outer Tube

Projectile travel direction



BENEFITS OF SUPPRESSORS

- **Hearing Protection**
- **Home Defense**
- **Safer Hunting**
- **Improved Accuracy**
- **Reduction in Noise Complaints**



HEARING PROTECTION

“The most **serious threat** to hearing comes from recreational hunting or target shooting.”

- Dr. William W. Clark, Director of the Washington University School of Medicine’s Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences



HEARING PROTECTION

70 to 80% of hunters NEVER wear hearing protection

- Wagner A, Stewart M, Lehman ME. (2006) Risk Patterns and Shooting Habits of Recreational Firearm Users.



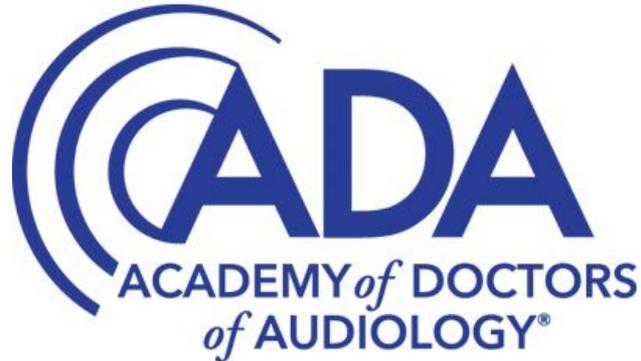
NHCA Letter

*“Persons wearing conventional hearing protection are **NOT WITHOUT RISK** of NIHL when using firearms... Therefore, NHCA supports the use of firearm noise suppressors as a form of an engineering noise control to reduce hazardous firearm noise exposures.”*



ADA Letter

*“Conventional hearing protection alone **DOES NOT ALWAYS OFFER ADEQUATE PROTECTION** from noise exposure. Firearm noise suppressors can be an effective supplement to traditional hearing protection.”*



HUNTING DOGS

- Dogs experience NIHL
- Canine hearing is more sensitive than humans





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No State Left Behind

ASA's **No State Left Behind** campaign is our pledge to pursue pro-suppressor reform by any means necessary until:

Suppressors are
legal to own in
all 50 states

Hunting with
suppressors is legal
in **all 50 states**

Attempts to ban
suppressors are a **no
longer possible**



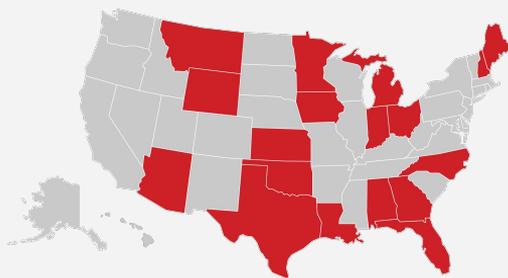
ASA's Proven Track Record

Legalized suppressor ownership in **3 states** and **1 territory**



IA, MN, VT, and Guam

Legalized suppressor hunting in **19 states**



*AL, AZ, FL, GA, IN, IA, KS, LA,
ME, MI, MN, MT, NH, NC, OH,
OK, TX, WY*

Defeated attempts to ban suppressors



NM, VA

Current Legal Battles - State

STATE

Challenging constitutionality of state bans

- 3rd Circuit: Padua v Platkin
- 7th Circuit: Anderson v Raoul

PARTNERSHIPS

- **NJ:** Safari Club International, 2A Foundation, NRA, NJFOS, NJ Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Silencer Shop
- **IL:** Silencer Shop, with support from SilencerCo, Elevated Silence, Rugged Suppressors

Current Legal Battles - Federal

FEDERAL

Challenging the inclusion of suppressors and SBRs in the NFA

- 8th Circuit - Brown v. ATF
- 5th Circuit - Jensen v. ATF

PARTNERSHIPS

- NRA, SAF, FPC



No State Left Behind

With the real possibility of suppressors being removed from the NFA, ASA is **expanding the scope** of our *No State Left Behind* campaign to include states with laws that:

- Reference the NFA
- Require federal licensing, registration, or authorization



No State Left Behind

ASA identified **17 state laws** that could become problematic if suppressors are removed from the NFA.

2026 Priority

ASA will preemptively address these laws by:

- Lobbying states to eliminate superfluous references
- Working with relevant state AGs to issue opinion letters
- Collaborating with USDOJ to issue opinion



Sample State Law Verbiage

Georgia:

“(4) Possession of a sawed-off shotgun, sawed-off rifle, machine gun, dangerous weapon, or silencer by a person who is authorized to possess the same **because he has registered** the sawed-off shotgun, sawed-off rifle, machine gun, dangerous weapon, or silencer **in accordance with the dictates of the National Firearms Act**, 68A Stat. 725 (26 U.S.C. Sections 5841-5862);” O.C.G.A. § 16-11-124.

Kansas:

“(h) Subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) shall not apply to or affect any person or entity **in compliance with the national firearms act, 26 U.S.C. § 5801 et seq.**”





THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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Second Amendment Developments Affecting Firearm Owners & Industry (2025-2026)



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Second Amendment Developments Affecting Firearm Owners & Industry (2025-2026)

- Carry laws, including private-property defaults
- “Assault weapon” & magazine bans
- Age restrictions & purchase limits
- Ammunition regulations
- Anti-PLCAA liability statutes
- Federal regulatory authority

Executive Summary

- Supreme Court reviewing private property carry default rule
- “Assault weapon” & magazine bans largely upheld regionally
- Age-restrictions split emerging
- States innovating through civil liability
- Regulatory focus shifting toward commerce

The *Bruen* Framework (Refresher)

- Plain text inquiry first
- Government must show historical analogue
- Means-end scrutiny rejected
- “Relevantly similar” history required

Supreme Court Orders List (January 2026)

- Cert denied in four 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) cases (i.e., prohibited people)
- No new Second Amendment merits grants
- *Vincent v. Bondi* repeatedly relisted

Wolford v. Lopez (U.S. Supreme Court)

- Hawaii default prohibition on carry on private property open to the public
- Express consent required
- Criminal penalty
- Enacted after *Bruen*

Wolford: Core Legal Question

- Is carry on private property open to the public protected by default?
- May states invert the presumption?
- Property rights vs Second Amendment conduct

Wolford: Oral Argument Themes

- Concern over second-class treatment of Second Amendment
- Debate over Black Codes analogues
- Property framing contested
- Likely national impact

Industry Impact of *Wolford*

- Retail and venue signage compliance
- Permit-holder exposure
- Patchwork of no-carry zones may operate as a de facto carry ban
- National default carry rule

Assault Weapon Bans – *Capen v. Campbell* (1st Cir. 2025)

- Massachusetts “Assault weapon” ban upheld
- “Dangerous and unusual” framing
- Historical tradition analysis applied

Large Capacity Magazines – *Duncan v. Bonta* (9th Cir. 2025)

- California Large-capacity Magazine ban upheld en banc
- Magazines treated as regulable
- Strong dissents

Connecticut – *Nagr v. Lamont* (2D Cir. 2025)

- Connecticut restrictions upheld
- Cert petition pending
- Reinforces durability of regional bans

Age Restrictions – *Reese v. ATF* (5th Cir. 2025)

- Ban on sale of handguns to 18 - 20-year-olds
- Purchase right protected
- Circuit split developing

Waiting Periods – *Ortega v. Grisham* (10th Cir. 2025)

- New Mexico 7-day waiting period challenged
- Preliminary injunction stage
- *Bruen* applied to purchase delay

Ammunition Checks – *Rhode v. Bonta* (9th Cir. 2025)

- CA ammo background checks struck (panel)
- En banc rehearing granted
- Major retail implications

Purchase Limits – *Nguyen v. Bonta* (9th Cir. 2025)

- “One-gun-a-month” law struck
- Further deepens the divide on Second Amendment standing requirements
- Affects acquisition timing
- Retail throughput implications

Industry Liability – *NSSF v. James* (2D Cir. 2025)

- NY nuisance statute upheld
- PLCAA predicate exception tested
- Expands litigation exposure

ATF Regulatory Authority – *Bondi v. Vanderstok* (U.S. 2025)

- ATF frame/receiver rule upheld
- Serialization requirements expanded
- Parts-kit market impacted

Cert Denials on Assault Weapons Ban/Large Capacity Magazines (June 2025)

- *Snope v. Brown*
- *Ocean State Tactical v. Rhode Island*
- *Hanson v. D.C.*

Themes Across Cases

- *Bruen* methodology still contested
- Circuits diverging
- Commerce-focused regulation rising
- Liability strategies expanding, including speech

What to Watch in 2026

- *Wolford* decision
- Assault weapon cert petitions
- Anti-PLCAA expansion
- Continued transactional challenges

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