

STATE OF COLORADO)

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COUNTY OF GARFIELD)

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Garfield County, Colorado, held at the County Administration Building in Glenwood Springs on Monday, the 14th day of April 2025, there were present:

Tom Jankovsky _____, Commissioner Chairman

Mike Samson _____, Commissioner

Perry Will _____, Commissioner

Fred Jarman _____, County Manager

Heather Beattie _____, County Attorney

Jacklyn Harmon _____, Clerk to the Board

when the following proceedings, among others were had and done, to-wit:

Resolution No 25 - _____

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING COLORADO SENATE BILL 2025-003

Recitals

WHEREAS, Colorado Senate Bill 2025-003 (“SB-3”), passed by the Colorado Legislature on March 28, 2025, imposes sweeping restrictions on the legal manufacture, sale, transfer, and purchase of commonly owned semiautomatic rifles, shotguns, and handguns, requiring Coloradans to comply with costly, complex, and time-consuming mandates to exercise their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, SB-3 criminalizes the otherwise lawful conduct of peaceable citizens, making the transfer or sale of specified semiautomatic firearms without state-approved documentation a class 2 misdemeanor, escalating to a class 6 felony for subsequent infractions; and

WHEREAS, this legislation targets licensed firearm dealers, imposing harsh penalties including mandatory revocation of business licenses by the Department of Revenue for any violation, thereby threatening the economic viability of lawful businesses and their employees; and

WHEREAS, SB-3 constitutes a burdensome and unfunded mandate on county sheriffs, requiring them to provide fingerprinting and perform extensive background checks with no additional funding, staffing, or administrative support—placing an undue burden on already strained rural law enforcement offices; and

WHEREAS, fiscal analysis projects that SB-3 will cost the State of Colorado an estimated \$1.4 million in the first year of enforcement and \$500,000 in subsequent years—an unjustifiable financial burden given the State’s ongoing budget constraints and competing public safety needs; and

WHEREAS, all of the vetting process the Garfield County Sheriff’s Office is required to do is an unfunded mandate. Considering the manpower, we invest in the CHP process and the large number of gun owners in Garfield County who buy, sell, and trade guns, we anticipate needing 2 additional FTEs (\$250,000.00, annually) to manage these requirements; and

WHEREAS, the bill jeopardizes the livelihood of small business owners and local gun shop operators across Garfield County and the state, outlawing the sale of a significant percentage of their legal inventory, and likely driving many businesses to shut down or relocate; and

WHEREAS, SB-3 places an unacceptable financial and bureaucratic burden on law-abiding citizens, forcing them to navigate excessive red tape and pay steep fees simply to exercise their Second Amendment rights, a right that is clearly protected under the U.S. Constitution and the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the legislation imposes one of the most restrictive gun control regimes in the nation, threatening citizens’ right to self-defense, punishing responsible gun ownership, and shifting the focus away from addressing actual criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners finds this legislation to be an overreach of state authority, an affront to personal freedom, and a direct threat to both public safety and the economic well-being of Coloradans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado, that this Board formally and unequivocally opposes Colorado Senate Bill 2025-003 and urges Governor Jared Polis to reject and veto this ill-conceived legislation in defense of constitutional rights, public safety, and the livelihoods of law-abiding Coloradans.

DATED this 14th day of April 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

ATTEST:

GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chairperson

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Tom Jankovsky _____, Aye

Mike Samson _____, Aye

Perry Will _____, Aye

Commissioners