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Mr. Pratt,

We, in our local area, have been working on solutions, for several years, to our stray from the Constitution and into police state policies, with the first one below being just "created" by another of our members recently.

We feel it is vital to build a community of like-minded locally organized people to support our constitutional agenda to protect our constitution, freedoms and rights, and support for Sheriffs and citizens alike. These we are now implementing in Pagosa Springs, Colorado - Archuleta County.

We believe these concepts could be inserted into what we are all trying to do. We are in contact with Sheriff Richard Mack (a friend of ours) and his ties with Oath Keepers and other organizations to try to give people an easy, but powerful way to plug into something locally, and quit feeling helpless. Of course, our constitutional Sheriffs can be instrumental, but even where we do not have them on board as yet, we can still immediately begin to implement these two ideas.

1. We are working with our local county government in a similar way El Paso County, Colorado (and 4 other Counties) did in creating a resolution against the NDAA, gun restriction laws, etc., but we are adding to those the concept of our County being a "Liberty Zone."

"Liberty Zones" would be an area where the local citizens are working together to defend the Constitution, and where we do NOT uphold and enforce unconstitutional laws. We are looking to encourage companies and industries that are moving out of states, such as MagPul, and keep them here, but in a safe zone, even in a state where they passed laws against guns.

With other gun manufacturing facilities in other states moving out, and here in Colorado, already hunters and tourists are boycotting Colorado, well, we believe that for an organization to spearhead the "Liberty Zone" concept like we are doing here could be an easy solution to taking back our rights and freedoms... our liberties, and give people a way to do something locally.

We have received some positive responses by other areas such as El Paso County, Colorado and Chief Mark Kessler in PA, as to it being "a great idea." Of course, this is working within the law and constitution, especially State nullification laws, and

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even local sovereignty laws over state "mandates" which are unconstitutional, and thus, void, as the Supreme Court has clearly stated.

The key word "Liberty Zone" NOTICES anyone (including federal encroachment) traveling into such a zone immediately where the Sheriff and citizens stood, at least in some constitutional issues. If the Sheriff is not yet on board, the local citizens could certainly unite and put pressure on the Sheriff and local government, and make the "Liberty Zone" concept well known locally.

Eventually we could declare such zone openly with signs entering our counties, and letting people arriving know there are others willing to support the concept are around. The local Sheriff could easily promote this idea within their county, and I believe the awake citizens would immediate take to it, and it would grow from there.

2. The backup and support to the concept of counties being "Liberty Zones" is in establishing what some, like Sheriff Arpaio in Arizona, are calling a "posse," but creating another concept that isn't as "different" or unheard of... called "The County Guard." Of course, everyone has heard of the "National Guard," and less so, the "State Guard," but this would be a local county-specific group, such as Archuleta County Guard which we began here in Archuleta County, Colorado, several years ago.

This would be a direct support to the Sheriff in every way necessary if he's on board, and in public service to the community where needed. The local Sheriff could certainly deputize members of the County Guard to call on or depend on if necessary, but the County Guard could include most any of-age citizen, (I'd say at least 25 these days) and include constitutional and other training, to have a strong defense should we need it, and a constitutionally-educated people.

If the Sheriff is NOT on board, the County Guard can still be created and promoted to local citizens to be involved in something to help reverse the local degradation of law and our constitutional rights. Most people are frustrated with the direction of things but don't really know how to engage in any way that is locally real yet not burdensome or overwhelming.

We believe the "Liberty Zone" and "County Guard" are at least two of those mechanisms, and could be an educational tool in law and constitutional issues (mandatory training) which most people need, but are not receiving.

The atmosphere and timing for this is ripe, we believe, and we could certainly make this go viral in counties across the Republic and shock the powers that be, and put pressure on local Sheriffs and government to serve their citizens.

Besides protection from our own governments at whatever level, I came across this short video on the very real threat of well-armed gangs preparing to "take over" should civil unrest, economic disaster, or any other potential danger we all face, occur, and the "Liberty Zone" and "County Guard" would be a huge deterrent to such activities... <http://www.wnd.com/2013/01/real-gun-threat-illegal-alien-street-gangs/>

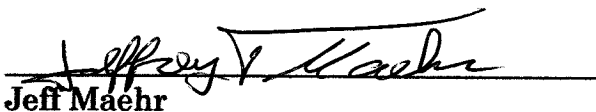
We are at a critical crossroads of reaching people who are ready to defend their rights with the gun restriction threats waking many people up. We need to strike while the iron is hot, and rock the enemies camp with a tsunami of constitutional supporters from every group and camp there is out there... all unfortunately divided and often duplicating each other.

We need to unite local citizens under some sort of common banner, regardless of what groups they may belong to, that is easy to understand and implement, but powerful in unifying people... the true authority in our Republic.

Gun Owners of America is in a good position to light the match. In any case we will proceed with this concept locally here, and pass on to our contacts across the Republic. We will also be attempting to locate a major group to promote this until someone steps forward to light the match.

Please let me know if this is something you would support and pass on to the company and your contact groups. Thanks for considering these ideas.

Sincerely,



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