

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5846

To prohibit funding to negotiate a United Nations Arms Trade Treaty that restricts the Second Amendment rights of United States citizens.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2012

Mr. QUAYLE (for himself and Mr. REHBERG) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Second Amendment  
5 Sovereignty Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
8 ings:

9 (1) In October 2009, Secretary of State Hillary  
10 Rodham Clinton announced the United States sup-

1 port and participation in negotiating the United Na-  
2 tions Arms Trade Treaty, to be finalized in 2012,  
3 signaling a shift in United States policy.

4 (2) An Arms Trade Treaty that regulates the  
5 domestic manufacturer, possession, or purchase of  
6 civilian firearms and ammunition would infringe on  
7 the rights of United States citizens protected under  
8 the second amendment to the Constitution of the  
9 United States.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
11 gress that the sovereignty of the United States and the  
12 constitutionally protected freedoms of American gun own-  
13 ers must be upheld and not be undermined by the Arms  
14 Trade Treaty.

15 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING.**

16 No funds may be obligated or expended to use the  
17 voice, vote, and influence of the United States, in connec-  
18 tion with negotiations for a United Nations Arms Trade  
19 Treaty, to restrict in any way the rights of United States  
20 citizens under the second amendment to the Constitution  
21 of the United States, or to otherwise regulate domestic  
22 manufacture, assembly, possession, use, transfer, or pur-  
23 chase of firearms, ammunition, or related items, including  
24 small arms, light weapons, or related materials.

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