

# Using the First Amendment to Protect the Second

*by Paloma A. Capanna*

All hail the United States Postal Service as the antidote for the DOJ, the FBI, and the “Select Committee on January 6!” I’m in the process of scanning, running Congressional Districts, and addressing hundreds of letters to the Sponsors, Co-Sponsors, and House and Senate Minority Leaders for two bills relative to “domestic terrorism.”

The two bills, when read together, would take away your Second Amendment rights if you are so much as “under investigation” of being a “domestic terrorist.” The bills are H.R.350/S.B.963, “The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2021” and S.B.183, “The Terrorism Intelligence Improvement Act of 2021.” The H.R.350/S.B.963 bill would create the first chargeable crime of “domestic terrorism.”

The former, H.R.350/S.B.963 has already 204 co-sponsors in the House and has its same-as numbered in the Senate. Among the co-sponsors from New York are Representatives Joe Morelle (NY-25, Rochester area), Brian Higgins (NY-26, Buffalo area), Paul Tonko (NY-20, Albany area), and Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18, Ithaca area).

In July, Kevin and I launched a letter-writing campaign against these bills. We’ve spoken at GOA-NY, FFL gun shops, festivals, and gun shows. Kevin and I have collected hundreds of letters at events we’ve attended across New York, in PA, NC, and SC. My book also includes these letters, as does my website ([www.2AMPatriot.com](http://www.2AMPatriot.com)).

Thank you to everyone in GOA-NY who signed letters! You’ve contributed to letters of opposition in 13 of NY’s 27 Congressional Districts, including to five bill co-sponsors. Now keep going! I’ve recently mailed to you copies of the letters you signed, along with a request that you now call your legislators and say, “Hell No 3-5-0!”

As of December 1, 2021, more than 700 have been charged relating to the events of January 6, and the DOJ is continuing to charge new defendants. More than 100 of the defendants have already accepted plea deals. As we approach the one-year anniversary of January 6, not a single defendant has had even one day of trial – let alone a verdict from either a jury or a judge. In fact, defense counsel continues to await *Brady* exculpatory materials from the prosecution, as Speedy Trial law deadlines are extended again and again. For approximately 37 defendants, their pre-trial incarceration began on January 16, 2021. There is only one trial even scheduled of which I am aware, specifically April 19, 2022, and that is for three defendants held-over pending trial.

On my website, you'll find up-to-date blogs, media interviews that includes “The Second Amendment Radio Show” on WYSL, and downloadable information such as a chart tracking the “Oath Keeper” defendants. Please be welcomed to go to [www.2AMPatriot.com](http://www.2AMPatriot.com) for more information and to purchase your copy of my new book “The Events of January 6, 2021: What Impact the Second Amendment Movement.” I’m already at work on volume two, which I expect to release February 2022.

We still have a way to go in the fall out from the events of January 6. It’s our responsibility to remain informed and involved through lawful means. More than 9,500 attorneys at the DOJ are counting on us to do nothing and say nothing.

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