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## House Judiciary Subcommittee calls Women for Gun Rights (WGR) members as witnesses on the 'Second Amendment Women's Rights' hearing

From The Outdoor Wire

A Report from the WGR

Women for Gun Rights (WGR) applauded the recent hearing, "Second Amendment Rights Empower Women's Rights" conducted by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance. This crucial discussion sheds light on the intersection of women's empowerment and the fundamental right to bear arms, recognizing the vital role the Second Amendment plays in ensuring the safety and freedom of all.

At the forefront of the hearing were two witnesses involved with Women for Gun Rights: Shirley Watral, WGR Florida State Director, and Beth Alcazar, Alabama state delegate. Both women provided compelling testimony, articulating the importance of recognizing and preserving the constitutional rights of women to defend themselves.

Shirley Watral, who is a survivor of domestic violence and author of "Heels to Holster", emphasized the practical implications of the Second Amendment on women's safety and autonomy. In her testimony, she told of kidnapping and abuse from her husband. Many can relate to her when she emphasized the lack of true protection that comes from filing a restraining order. The following statement from Watral rings true for anyone who has sought effective means of protection, "The difference between a



Pictured here are participants in the recent House judiciary subcommittee on crime and surveillance. (Photo/Courtesy WGR)

safe sense of security and real security, for me, is my firearm. The Second Amendment is vital to me. It made a difference in my life and how I live each day." Beth Alcazar, WGR delegate

and USCCA instructor, brought a wealth of knowledge to the hearing, her relatable momma-bear mindset and real-life examples to underscore the importance of an armed populace. She spoke from

the heart saying, "First and foremost, I'm a mother and I have made a personal choice to live as a mom with a gun. After all, I have three children who look to me as guide, coach, counselor

and protector and my journey in and my dedication to firearms self-defense has all been motivated by them." This is a sentiment echoed by many mothers across the United States whose voices are drowned out by pro-gun control groups.

Women for Gun Rights stands ready to engage with lawmakers

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and provide armor to allies in the legislature who are defending the right to keep and bear arms.

Women for Gun Rights is a nationwide organization of women committed to safeguarding the Second Amendment. A non-partisan initiative of daughters, mothers, and sisters that believes education is the key to firearm safety and violence prevention, not legislation.

We counter the disinformation gun control groups circulate by informing our friends, families, communities, and legislators with the truth that gun rights are human rights. Learn how to support or join the group's effort by visiting its website, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube.

## For first time Tigers ranked in largest win over ranked opponent in nearly 60 years

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – On Monday, No. 23 Memphis basketball was ranked for the first time this season, and on Tuesday, the Tigers played like they still had something to prove as they dismantled No. 22 Virginia, 77-54, at FedExForum.

It marked the largest victory for Memphis over a ranked opponent since Feb. 8, 1964 when the Tigers defeated No. 10 DePaul, 98-67.

The Tigers (9-2) extended their win streak to four games, including three straight victories against a ranked opponent after taking down No. 21 Texas A&M and No. 13 Clemson last week.

It is the first time in program history they have beaten top-25 teams in three consecutive regular season games. They did achieve the feat in 2008 by knocking off No. 19 Michigan State, No. 6 Texas and No. 3 UCLA in three straight games,

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but that happened in postseason play in the NCAA Tournament. David Jones put on another show with 26 points in 28 minutes against the nation's No. 2 scoring defense that entered the night allowing just 53.3 points per game this season. Caleb Mills came off the bench to score 11 points.

The Tigers shot 47.4 percent (27-57) against Virginia's vaunted pack line defense, including 39.1 percent from three-point range (9-23), and matched their season high with 27 points off 18 turnovers by the Cavaliers.

Memphis jumped all over Virginia right out of the gate with a 13-1 run, led by five points from Jones and a trio of triples. Jones later recorded seven-straight

points in less than two minutes to put the Tigers in front, 29-20.

In the final seconds of the first half, Nicholas Jourdain scooped up his second steal of the night and fed Mills on a fast break layup that sent Memphis into the locker room with a 38-32 advantage.

The second half was back-and-forth to begin with Virginia cutting a 10-point deficit down to five at the 15:30 mark. A couple of minutes later with the Tigers in front 52-44, Malcolm Dandridge hit a pair of free throws that ignited a 13-0 run to push the lead out to 21 with 8:54 remaining.

Virginia never threatened after that and finished the game shooting 39.3 percent from the floor (22-56).

Freshman Ashton Hardaway buried his second three ball of the night at the 1:26 mark to give Memphis its largest advantage of

the game at 77-52 before the Cavaliers got a bucket late to finish off the scoring.

Virginia, who was fifth in the nation in assist/turnover ratio and turnover margin, averaged only 8.0 turnovers per game. On Tuesday, Memphis forced the methodical Cavaliers into a season-high 18 miscues. It was the most turnovers by a Virginia team since Jan. 15, 2020 against Florida State, and only the third time the Cavaliers have totaled at least 18 turnovers in a game since 2015.

The Tigers also held the nation's leading three-point man Isaac McKneely to an 0-for-5 night from deep and six total points. He was shooting the long ball at a 55.1-percent clip coming into the matchup.

Reece Beekman led the Cavaliers with 13 points, five rebounds and four assists.

## Statement from Memphis Athletics on City Council on Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium

MEMPHIS, TN -The following was made by Memphis Athletics on Dec. 19, 2023:

"We are incredibly appreciative of the City Council for sharing our vision and voting to approve this resolution on Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, which will position our University and football program for sustained success. We look forward to working collaboratively in the coming weeks with the City administration, the Southern Heritage Classic, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and the USFL to formalize agreements that will set us all up for success into the future."

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