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Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and partners file lawsuit to challenge carry ban in national park facilities

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BELLEVUE, Wash. — March 27, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners have filed a lawsuit challenging the ban on firearms possession in federal facilities operated by the National Park Service.

The lawsuit specifically challenges the constitutionality of federal law 18 U.S.C. § 930(a), which bars knowingly possessing a firearm in a federal facility, as applied to federal facilities operated by the National Park Service. The law defines a federal facility in the National Park System as “...government offices, visitor centers, ranger stations, fee collection buildings, and maintenance facilities.” Park officials themselves are also allowed to impose park-specific restrictions on where firearms may be carried.

“More than 300 million people traveled through the National Park System last year, and each of them were unconstitutionally barred from carrying firearms in-



side specific buildings at those parks,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “Campers wishing to carry a firearm for self-defense in these parks, for instance, are made to disarm before stepping foot inside a visitor center or ranger station to obtain a permit to camp. This disenfranchisement forces peaceable citizens to choose between following the registration rules for each park or going unarmed while they gather the proper documentation allowing them to enjoy our National Park System. That’s not a choice any law-abiding American should have to make.”

As noted in the complaint, “The Supreme Court has squarely held that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep

and bear arms, and that all responsible, law-abiding Americans are entitled to exercise that right. In Bruen, the Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms fully extends to general carry of arms in public.” SAF is joined in Zimmerman v. Bondi by the Firearms Policy Coalition and private citizen Gary Zimmerman.

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For more information visit SAF.org.

The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored.

Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

FPC fights for citizens to have right to purchase personal armor as it files motion to enjoin N.Y. body armor ban

From The Tactical Wire

March 31, 2026- Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) filed a motion for summary judgment in Heeter v. James, its lawsuit challenging New York's unconstitutional body armor ban.

The plaintiffs challenging the ban include two individual FPC members. The plaintiffs are represented by Nicolas J. Rotsko of Fluot.

The motion was filed on March 27, 2026. Briefing on the parties' motions for summary judgment will take place through the end of June.

The motion was filed in Buffalo in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. New York's body armor ban unconstitutional criminalizes the purchase of simple personal protective equipment, and shows how far off the deep end the state is willing to go to prevent peaceable people from protecting themselves.

"We're thrilled to announce that we've filed a motion to strike down New York's immoral body

armor ban. The government can't ban peaceable people from buying defensive gear any more than it can ban them from buying handguns. We're going to make New York stop treating self-defense like a crime, full stop." - FPC President Brandon Combs. Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) is a nonprofit membership organization that exists to create a world of maximal individual liberty and eliminate unconstitutional gun control laws. FPC works—and wins—for the People through high-impact strategic litigation, groundbreaking research, legislative and regulatory advocacy, grassroots activism, education, and public engagement. FPC's legal division, FPC Law, is the nation's leading initiative dedicated to restoring the right to keep and bear arms across the United States.

To learn more about how FPC is working—and winning—for the People, sign up for FPC news alerts at firearmspolicy.org and follow FPC on X, Instagram, and Facebook.

Sen. Blackburn leads Colleagues in introducing Veterans Bill of Rights Act... from sports-Military 2

processes,” said **Senator Tuberville**. “As Alabama’s voice on the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, I want to do everything I can to make it easier for our veterans. I’m proud to join Senator Blackburn in introducing the Veterans’ Bill of Rights Act to ensure veterans are fully aware of the benefits and services available to them by law. I’ll continue fighting to create a more transparent VA process for our veterans and keep the VA focused on its core mission of serving America’s heroes.”

U.S. Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D. (R-Iowa) is leading the introduction of companion legislation in the House of Representatives:

“Our Veterans continue to sacrifice for our freedoms, and now it is our duty to remove the red-tape and provide them with the protections they need,” said Representative Miller-Meeks. “For too long, veterans have faced delays when seeking care. I’m proud to champion this legislation with Senator Blackburn to put our veterans first, deliver timely, high-quality care they’ve earned, and hold the VA accountable to the men and women it serves.”

Visit Columbus hosted this event.

BACKGROUND

•Veterans’ benefits and health

care protections are already established throughout federal law, but many veterans report difficulty understanding what rights and options are available to them when interacting with the VA.

•Information is often fragmented across statutes, regulations, and internal policies, leaving veterans unsure what to expect or what questions to ask during appointments, claims processing, or appeals.

•The Veterans’ Bill of Rights Act directs the VA to be more explicit, consistent, and transparent in informing veterans of the rights they already have under current law.

THE VETERANS’ BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

•The Veterans’ Bill of Rights Act would require the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans are clearly informed of their existing rights regarding VA-administered health care, benefits, and services, including:

- Access to VA or VA-authorized providers, consistent with eligibility under existing law;
- Courtesy, dignity, and respect in all interactions with VA;
- Clear, complete information about treatment options and informed consent

Christie claims Mountain Dew Bassmaster Elite championship at Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway... from sports page 1

and I was like, ‘If I’m gonna lose this, I’m gonna lose it in my home,’” Christie said. “I went back in there and caught that big one.”

Christie, the 2022 Bassmaster Classic champion, did most of his damage on a 1/2-ounce white/blue/chartreuse Booyah Covert Spinnerbait with a single gold Colorado blade and a white YUM Covert Spinnerbait Trailer, both of which he designed. He also caught keepers on a 1/2-ounce Booyah Mobster swim jig with a YUM Craw Chunk trailer and a Texas-rigged YUM Woolly Boogier.

“It’s getting harder every year to do this; these guys are just really good,” said the 52-year-old pro. “It gets in my head, ‘Am I getting too old for this?’

“It feels good to win because I fish to win every single time I go out. Getting older makes it sweeter — especially on a spinnerbait.”

Hailing from Brookeland, Texas, Ebare placed second with 55-13. Two weeks after a Top 10 performance at the Bassmaster Classic at the Tennessee River and a week after the birth of his first child, Bowen Cade, Ebare turned in daily weights of 13-10, 18-6, 10-8 and 13-5. Spending all four days in the next

pool below Columbus, Ebare experienced a tough final round and ended up locking back for the final weigh-ins with a light bag. Fortunately, a round of last-minute heroics pulled him higher in the standings.

“I had two minutes to fish down there (before locking back up) and put my trolling motor down, made one cast and caught my fourth keeper,” Ebare said. “I locked through, went to the first bank I saw and, on my second cast, I caught my fifth keeper. “On my fifth cast, I caught another keeper and that (Journey) song Don’t Stop Believin’ was playing nearby. I told my cameraman, ‘That’s a fitting song right about now.’ I can’t sing, but I started singing and I hooked one. It was my second biggest one and I kept singing all the way in!”

Ebare caught his fish on a black/blue Strike King Rage Bug Texas rigged on a 4/0 Owner Jungle hook with a 3/16-ounce weight, a chartreuse black back Strike King KVD 1.5 squarebill and a 1/2-ounce chartreuse/white spinnerbait.

John Garrett of Union City, Tenn., finished third with 54-15. Spending his entire tournament within a couple miles of takeoff, Garrett caught limits of 12-6, 17-

0, 10-13 and 14-12. “This was a junk-fishing tournament,” said Garrett, who anchored his bag with a 4-3. “This place is just good enough where you think you might get a bite every now and then. That’s what keeps you in it.

“If you keep your head screwed on straight here and just keep going and keep going and fish as many trees or as much grass as you can, the bites will eventually come.”

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Justin Atkins of Florence, Ala., won the \$2,000 Phoenix Boats Big Bass award with a 6-4.

Ebare won the \$2,000 Rapala CrushCity Monster Bag with his Day 2 bag weighing 18-6.

Ebare also the \$1,000 BassTrakk Contingency prize for the angler whose BassTrakk estimates are closest to their official weight.

Christie won the \$3,000 Toyota Bonus Bucks contingency award for the highest-placing eligible angler. Ebare took home an additional \$3,000 for being the second highest-placing eligible angler.

Christie also won the \$4,000 Yamaha Power Pay contingency

award for the highest-placing eligible angler. Garrett won \$1,500 for being the second highest-placing eligible angler.

Garrett of Union City, Tenn., leads the Progressive Bassmaster Angler of the Year standings with 267 points. Trey McKinney of Carbondale, Ill., is second with 262, followed by Cory Johnston of Otonabee, Canada with 258, Ebare of Brookeland, Texas with 253, and Brock Mosley of Collinsville, Miss., with 244.

Caleb Hudson of Lincolnton, Ga., leads the Pro-Guide Batteries Bassmaster Rookie of the Year standings with 223 points.

Visit Columbus hosted this event.

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