

Are You Ready?

The battle for gun rights has a new target, and it's you! Yes, women are squarely in the cross hairs of those working against our rights as Americans to bear arms. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has vowed to spend \$50 million to



push gun control measures, and he's identified women, and mothers in particular, as the focus of his organizing and outreach, a path that he and his advisers have modeled after groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

So what does this mean for you? It means it's time for women gun owners to get proactive, and to get out there and speak up. NOTHING is more powerful than your voice, and your own personal stories about why your ability to protect yourself must not be jeopardized. I encourage you to take a few minutes and write down why these constitutional rights are so important to you. Write down what the freedom to own and carry a gun means to you and how seriously you are committed to safe and responsible gun ownership. If the possession or use of your gun saved your life or that of someone else, now is the time to share that story.

I would like you to do three things with it ---

1. **KNOW** your story. Just like you know who you are when you introduce yourself, have a clear 30-second 'elevator speech' that expresses your passion about the right to protect yourself.

2. **SHARE** your story. Don't be afraid to start the conversation - you know who you are and you know your story. Make it a point to talk with the women in your world, women who you come in contact with everyday. The best way to educate those around you is to talk to those around you. Reach out and call your elected officials. Send your story to your representatives and let them know you expect them to fight for and protect your full rights to own, carry and use your firearm for your self protection.

3. **SEND** it to me. I am constantly being contacted by the media and by gun rights organizations who want to know what women gun owners think and how we feel about these new efforts. As the largest community of women gun owners, we have a powerful and persuasive voice that can be used to influence perception and direct legislation. So send me your 'story' of why this right of armed self-defense is important to you. Of course you can be anonymous if you like, but send it along, and let's get heard!