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To the citizens of Lewis County, Tennessee and, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee:

Under the Tennessee Constitution and the United States Constitution, I am the chief law enforcement officer of this, Lewis County, Tennessee. I took an inviolate oath to protect and defend your rights as recognized by the state and federal constitutions, and to honor and uphold the provisions of those constitutions within my jurisdiction. I take seriously any risk or effort, foreign or domestic, to violate your rights, to violate the respective constitutions, or to violate the principles on which so many have fought and died to guarantee freedom and liberty in this State and to the union of which it is a part.

I am aware of recent events that have occurred in Tennessee, other States, and around the world, which create a danger to individual lives, liberties, and property. I will ensure that no funds, personnel, or resources under my authority will be used or diverted to aid, assist, or enforce upon the Citizens of this county or in the State of Tennessee, any unconstitutional laws, regulations, executive orders, or other mandates regarding the right to keep, bear, and wear arms for all who can legally possess them in the State of Tennessee. The term, "shall not be infringed", contains no qualifier to allow otherwise. Further, as Sheriff, I am now convinced more than ever that it is necessary that Tennessee enact laws restoring and protecting the right and capacity for anyone who can legally possess a firearm in Tennessee to do so. The constitutions recognize and protect that right from infringement. I will protect and defend that right to the full extent of my office, power and authority.

Thank you,

  
Sheriff Dwayne Kilpatrick

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