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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Mr. STOCKMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Second Amendment
5 Protection Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

8 (1) it is the constitutional power of Congress to
9 determine United States foreign policy through the
10 ratification of international treaties and adoption of
11 laws;

12 (2) by prematurely signing treaties and execu-
13 tive agreements, Presidents of the United States
14 have opened the door for international organizations
15 to unilaterally regulate the lives of citizens of the
16 United States;

17 (3) these international agreements, laws, and
18 regulations are being applied domestically in the
19 United States through the Supremacy Clause, which
20 states, “This Constitution, and the Laws of the
21 United States which shall be made in Pursuance
22 thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be
23 made, under the Authority of the United States,
24 shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the
25 Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any

1 Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to
2 the contrary notwithstanding”;

3 (4) the Supremacy Clause is useful to supersede
4 conflicting Federal and State laws;

5 (5) international and transnational organiza-
6 tions force their rules on people of the United States
7 through conventions, multilateral agreements, and
8 nonratified treaties, such as agreements that affect
9 the private ownership of firearms by law-abiding citi-
10 zens; and

11 (6) United States sovereignty is risked by do-
12 mestic legal applicability of international treaties
13 and executive agreements that have not been voted
14 on and congressionally adopted through formal proc-
15 esses which pose a threat to national sovereignty
16 and the liberty of the people of the United States,
17 including fundamental rights guaranteed under the
18 United States Constitution, such as the right to
19 keep and bear arms.

20 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—That it is the sense
21 of the Congress that the United States should not adopt
22 any treaty that poses a threat to national sovereignty or
23 abridges the rights guaranteed by the United States Con-
24 stitution, such as the right to keep and bear arms, and

1 should cease the provision of financial support to any enti-
2 ty that does so.

3 **SEC. 3. CONDITIONAL PROHIBITION ON UNITED NATIONS**
4 **FUNDING.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, the United States may not provide any fund-
7 ing to the United Nations for a fiscal year unless, before
8 the last day of the preceding fiscal year, the President
9 makes the certification described in subsection (b).

10 (b) **CERTIFICATION.**—The certification described in
11 this subsection is a certification submitted to the Congress
12 by the President, that states that the United Nations has
13 not taken action to restrict, attempt to restrict, or other-
14 wise adversely infringe on the rights of individuals in the
15 United States to possess a firearm or ammunition, includ-
16 ing by imposing burdens on international commerce, or
17 abridge any of the other constitutionally protected rights
18 of citizens of the United States.

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