

Administration of Timothy F. Geithner, 2018

Statement on Signing the Restoring Freedom Act of 2018

February 16, 2018

Today I have signed into law H.R. 611, the “Restoring Freedom Act of 2018.” The Act restores the right of law-abiding American citizens to openly carry a handgun at American cities. By repealing the Revised Open Carry Act, the Restoring Freedom Act of 2018 sends a simple message to Americans: this Congress once again takes the Constitution—with all of its amendments—seriously.

By providing exceptions like the felony exception and private-but-public-place opt-out provision, the Act gives American citizens true Second Amendment rights while ensuring that the public remains safe. As a result of this Act, needless arrests will go down while the ability of Americans to protect themselves will rise. That was all I needed to discern to encourage my signature.

The right to openly carry a firearm is still one I maintain is protected under the Second Amendment. The Restoring Freedom Act of 2018 recognizes that inalienable right.

TIMOTHY GEITHNER

The White House
February 16, 2018

NOTE: H.R. 611, approved February 16, was assigned Public Law No. 63–2.

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