H.R. 3

To repeal the artificial scarcity and price increase of machineguns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 15, 2021

Mr. Noah (for himself, Mr. Smith, Senator Butterson, Senator Abraham, and Senator Francis) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Safer and Cheaper Firearms Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

- (1) Fully-automatic weapons (hereinafter "machineguns") are legal in the United States, pursuant to strict regulation.
- (2) One such regulation is the ban on any sale of post-1986 machineguns.

- (3) The artificial scarcity caused by the ban has caused machineguns to only be available to the very wealthy, thereby disarming a substantial portion of the population who is otherwise eligible to purchase such a weapon.
- (4) Old machineguns are often more dangerous than new ones, and the ban on sales of newer ones precludes the use of new safety technologies in civilian-owned firearms.
- (5) Eliminating the ban on new machineguns would not eliminate the strict Federal control of such weapons—only prevent the prices from being often greater than \$10,000.

SEC. 3. REPEAL OF MACHINEGUN AGE REQUIREMENT.

- (a) REPEAL OF MACHINEGUN AGE REQUIREMENT.—18 U.S. Code 922(o)(2)(B) is amended by—
 - (i) inserting the word "otherwise" before the word "lawful transfer or lawful possession"; and
 - (ii) striking "that was lawfully possessed before the date this subsection takes effect".