

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

RACHEL HENRICHS, REID HENRICHS,)
GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA, INC., and)
GUN OWNERS FOUNDATION,)

Plaintiffs,)

Civil Action No. _____

v.)

BRENDAN KELLY, in his Official)
Capacity as Director of the Illinois State)
Police, and KWAME RAOUL, in his)
Official Capacity as Attorney General of)
Illinois,)

Defendants.)
_____)

DECLARATION OF REID HENRICHS

1. My name is Reid Henrichs. I am a U.S. citizen and resident of Harrogate, Tennessee, located within Claiborne County. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiffs’ Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief. Unless otherwise stated, I make this declaration based on personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I can testify to the truth of the statements contained herein.

2. I am a law-abiding person, eligible to possess firearms under state and federal law. I am over the age of 18, an avid supporter of the right to keep and bear arms, a member of Gun Owners of America, and a financial supporter of Gun Owners Foundation.

3. I currently possess a valid Tennessee Lifetime Enhanced Carry Permit and am able to lawfully bear arms in public while in Tennessee and across most of the country, either through other states’ reciprocity with my Tennessee permit, or through other states’ “constitutional carry.”

4. I also possess valid permits to carry handguns from the States of New Jersey and Louisiana.

5. I served in the United States Marine Corps (“USMC”) from 1999 to 2003 and was honorably discharged. During my service, I became a Designated Marksman Instructor.

6. After I was honorably discharged from the USMC, I attended the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois. After that, I became a police officer from 2004 to 2006 and was deployed with Task Force Illinois in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

7. I am a certified handgun instructor with the following entities: Tennessee Department of Homeland Security, the Maryland State Police, the Illinois State Police, a “duly authorized” handgun instructor in New York State, certified to teach Connecticut handgun permit applicants, certified to teach handgun permit applicants in Rhode Island, and authorized to certify handgun applicants in New Jersey. I am also an NRA Certified instructor, a Tennessee State Certified Handgun Safety Instructor, and have been a full-time firearms instructor since 2013.

8. I own and operate a firearms training facility, Valor Ridge (www.valorridge.com), since 2015. I have trained thousands of students from across the United States, including military, law enforcement, and responsible armed citizens.

9. I meet all the requirements for issuance of an Illinois license to carry a concealed handgun except one. I do not reside in Illinois or one of the six other “substantially similar” states that would allow me to apply for a license. In other words, I am ready and able to apply for a license to carry a concealed handgun in Illinois if able to.

10. If I resided in Illinois or one of the other six “substantially similar” states, I would be able to apply and would be issued a permit.

11. Likewise, if Illinois accepted my Tennessee permit and granted reciprocity with

Tennessee, I would be able to carry my handgun while in Illinois.

12. Along with my wife, Rachel Henrichs, we routinely visit friends in Marion, Illinois. Within the next 60 days and regularly thereafter, we intend to visit Marion, Illinois to visit those friends, and, but for the Illinois statute and regulations that prohibit me from applying for and being issued an Illinois permit, I would carry my handgun concealed during my stay in Marion.

13. Because I am prohibited from even applying for an Illinois license to carry a concealed handgun, I will be required to choose between leaving my handgun locked in our vehicle while we visit friends in Illinois, or violating state law.

I, Reid Henrichs, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

13 March 2026

DATE



REID HENRICHS