



"Disarm the IRS Act" Introduced

Outspoken Congressman Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) has introduced the "Disarm the IRS Act," which bars the government agency from acquiring or purchasing any ammunition following the passage of the bill.

"Call me old fashioned, but I thought the heaviest artillery an IRS agent would need would be a calculator," said Gaetz in an interview with Fox News host Jesse Watters. "Like, I imagined the IRS in green eyeshades and cubicles, not busting doors down and emptying Glock clips on our fellow Americans. And certainly it's troubling that in 2022 alone, the IRS has spent around \$725,000 on ammunition. So, here's the Biden plan: Disarm Americans, open the border, empty the prisons, but rest assured they'll still collect your taxes, and they need \$725,000 worth of ammunition apparently, to get the job done."



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Watters then asked if there was a relationship between the ammo shortage in the United States and the government buying ammo in large quantities. Gaetz responded, "Oh, undeniably. Part of the strategy is that with one hand, the Biden regime is doing everything they can to suppress access to ammunition for regular Americans, while with the other hand, they are scooping up all of the ammo that they can possibly find. I'm not against stockpiling ammunition, but you shouldn't have to be a DC accountant to do it. You ought to be able to be a mechanic in Pensacola."

The Disarm the IRS Act would prohibit the IRS from purchasing ammo under any circumstances after the Biden administration's recent efforts to dramatically expand the tax agency's oversight and enforcement powers on common citizens.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Internal Revenue Service may not acquire (by purchase or otherwise) any ammunition after the date of the enactment of this Act," states the bill.

The bill would need to pass the House Ways and Means Committee before being considered by the full House. Representatives Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.), Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), and Marjorie Taylor Green (R-Ga.) cosponsored the simple and straightforward bill.

"Why is Biden trying to weaponize the IRS?" Duncan tweeted.

In support of the bill, the Firearms Policy Coalition <u>tweeted</u> that it's time to "disarm this band of highwaymen and stop them from taking our money under the threat of violence."

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) <u>reported</u> in 2018 that there were 2,148 law-enforcement officers working for the IRS's Criminal Investigation Division (CI). They were armed with 4,461



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weapons, including 15 fully automatic weapons and more than five million rounds of ammunition.

"IRS Criminal Investigation (CI) serves the American public by investigating potential criminal violations of the Internal Revenue Code and related financial crimes in a manner that fosters confidence in the tax system and compliance with the law. The American system of taxation is based on the premise that all income is taxable (which includes illegally earned income)," the IRS states.

In 2020, the government transparency group <u>Open The Books</u> reported that the agency had spent over \$21.3 million on firearms, ammo, and military-grade equipment between 2006 and 2019, with the gun stockpile reaching over 4,500. And they are not the only federal agency to do so.

Adam Andrzejewski, Open the Books' CEO and founder, <u>told</u> The Center Square, "After grabbing legal power, bureaucrats are amassing firepower. It's time to scale back the federal arsenal. Just who are the federal agencies preparing to battle?"

The GAO <u>reported</u> that 103 federal agencies outside of the Department of Defense and 76 administrative agencies spent \$2.7 billion and \$110.6 million, respectively, on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment between fiscal years 2015 and 2018.

As of 2016, is been <u>reported</u> that there are more non-Department of Defense federal officers with arrest and firearm authority (200,000) than U.S. Marines (182,000). "Our data shows that the federal government has become a gun show that never adjourns. Taxpayers need to tell Washington that police powers belong primarily to cities and states, not the feds," Andrzejewski said.

With that said, the Disarm the IRS Act is just the beginning of the pushback against the police state that grows daily within our federal government. We can only hope that similar legislation is introduced to further hinder the Biden administration's war on our liberties and unalienable right to protect ourselves.





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