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Important!!! ATF Comments Due Soon...

As a reminder, comments are due soon on two proposed rules issued by the ATF. Comments on Definition of "Frame or Receiver" and Identification of Firearms are due by 8/19/21 and comments on Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached "Stabilizing Braces" are due by 9/8/21. If you have not yet made your comments, I urge you to do so as soon as possible. Everything you need to know to make comments is available on our [resource page](#).

As always, there are a plethora of other battles to be fought. Please use your favorite gun groups' action pages to at least let your legislators know where you stand on gun control issues. Florida Democrat, Ted Deutch, is pushing two new bills H.R. 4953, which would add all semi-automatic rifles with a detachable magazine to the National Firearms Act and H.R. 4992, which would increase the age to purchase a rifle or shotgun from a federally licensed firearms dealer from 18 to 21. These bills need to be defeated along with a host of others.

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Im4Rights Takes Standing Eight Count...

This month's edition of In Support of Freedom was delayed by Covid. Back on July 13th I thought I was about halfway through a relatively, benign case of the Covid. The vast majority of people I have known who have been diagnosed with Covid have gotten over it rather quickly, but on July 18th, I was transported by ambulance to the hospital where I remained for exactly three weeks with Covid pneumonia. As luck would have it, they were able to process me out of the ER to an acute care room within 8 hours, and there I stayed. Early on, they wanted to transfer me to the ICU, but again (in my estimation anyway), I was fortunate there were no ICU beds available.

Over the course of the three weeks, I was given all the standard treatment protocols, including monoclonal antibodies and Remdesivir, but no Ivermectin and no Hydroxychloroquine, even though I inquired about them. Finally, I was discharged Sunday, August 8th, at 11 pm at my request when my

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portable oxygen machine arrived at 9 pm. They had told me I could be discharged any time before midnight; otherwise, it would be the next day. Since I've been home, I've been improving every day and gaining strength and endurance, although there is a long way to go before I'm anywhere near 100%. The administrative part of the process is the most difficult. Trying to arrange follow ups, home health evaluations, etc. is proving difficult in the current environment.

So, all that to get to this... what are my top-5 take-a-ways from my Covid experience?

- 1) Hubris – Somehow, I imagined that I was a more or less healthy 60 year old, who would very easily handle a case of the Covid, despite a too large BMI, and a too high A1C, both of which are huge risk factors. I should have been taking better care of myself all along.
- 2) Hesitation – I did not contact a doctor who would prescribe Ivermectin and begin treatment immediately. I waited until day 6, and did not get the meds until day 7, which was too late for me. Everything I've read suggests the earlier you get Ivermectin aboard, the better the chances are it will have positive effect.
- 3) Failure to "Push Through" – Possibly, one of the biggest mistakes I made was trying to "sleep it off," giving in to the extreme fatigue, rather than doing everything possible to continue with daily activities. This may have been what allowed the pneumonia to develop rapidly and to the extent that it did.
- 4) The Jab – In the case of the jab, I've always been a "you do you, and I'll do me" kind of guy. I'm just not for mandatory jabbing and vaccine passports, which has not changed. I have exercised my right (so far anyway) to decline the experimental, emergency use "vaccines," but I must admit a couple times in the first week, I wondered if I had made a mistake not getting the shot(s), especially given my risk factors. However, with respect to Covid, I've always said I would rather come by my immunity naturally, which it appears I have accomplished, so I will not be getting the jab post recovery either.
- 5) The Future – During this process, I have lost 26 pounds that I did not need to be carrying around, so my goal is to maintain this new weight and see what happens with my A1C. Of course, proper diet and exercise are the orders of the day. First though, I need to get off this oxygen machine!

"Longhair for Freedom" Ends...

The Im4Rights Longhair for Freedom campaign has come to an end. Originally intended to be a personal symbol of defiance to all things "new normal," my three week stay at the luxury resort up the road has encouraged me to give up that ghost. The Santa Clause/Father Time hair & beard were difficult to deal with during my hospital stay. I asked if they had sheep shears, but they didn't. Monday, the beard came off and Thursday, a professional restored my hair to its previous length. Rest assured the Im4Rights fight for freedom, and a return to more of the "old normal," will go on regardless of the length of my hair.

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