

As long as the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America continues to be misinterpreted by the weapons industry, the gun lobby, the NRA (all parts of the same groups) and way too many average American residents, perhaps we need a movement to repeal the Second Amendment through ratification of another constitutional amendment—the way the 18th Amendment that imposed prohibition of the making of, sale, or transportation of alcohol was repealed by the adoption of the 21st Amendment that states: “The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.”

Is this a probability? Of course not. This money-driven industry is too well funded, and the people who think they have to have the right to have any kind of weapon are either too misguided or too frightened of their fellow inhabitants of this land to understand that the types of weapons that have been used in most of these mass shootings are something that no sport hunter, no food hunter, no recreational shooter need.

Many years ago, relatives from Sweden were here on a visit. One of the women—who regularly participated in moose hunting at home—was proudly shown a large gun collection by an American relative. She looked his weapons over and said, “This one is good for deer or other big game. This one you want for small game. The rest are of no use.”

The part of the Second Amendment that is virtually ignored by the gun lobby is actually the most important and useful part of the amendment: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State...”

What about the use of the assault weapons to kill and injure other human beings has any relation to “A well regulated Militia”? It has turned out to be just the opposite.

Nobody should have the right to enter public buildings armed. No person not in an official capacity should be allowed in the State Capitol in Lansing armed. The actions of those who roam the streets armed are, in fact, violating my rights. There is a great difference between “a well regulated militia,” the organization we call the “national guard,” and private citizen “vigilantism” taking the law into one’s own hands.

The rest of the free world is appalled and confused by the American addiction to guns. And so are many of us who have lived here all our lives. The ex-Marine whose recent video on TikTok telling of his taking his AR-15 and a handgun to the local police for destruction should be an eye opener to many Americans.