

January 23, 2013 -- Testimony in Favor of SB 49 and SB 63.

Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Esteemed Michigan Senators,

The timing for SB 49 couldn't be better. After seeing the gun owners (law abiding citizens) called out by their local newspaper, The Journal News, as if they were criminals simply demands that all states should act so this doesn't happen again. SB 49 will protect the privacy of all Michigan citizens, gun owners and non-gun owners alike. More importantly, it'll protect the safety of all Michigan citizens, as none will be targeted in a crime on whether or not they own a firearm. Even the anti-gun state of NY has realized the newspaper's folly and lawmakers there have also introduced legislation that will protect the privacy of their law-abiding citizens. I encourage this committee to pass this Bill out and encourage other lawmakers and the Governor to make it law.

SB 63 is Federalism at its finest! I don't know why I like it more. That it is pro-Second Amendment or that it tells the Federal Government to "Back Off Michigan! We can manage our own gun laws within our State's lines, thank you very much!" The glory of how our system of government is set up can shine today with the passage of SB-63 out of committee and hopefully soon it can be on the Governor's desk!

Thank you for your time and your willingness to serve Michigan for the sake of Freedom.

My Best,

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GUN-OUTING NEWSPAPER REMOVES NAMES, ADDRESSES FROM MAP



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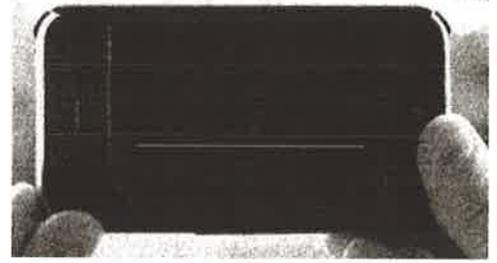
The New York newspaper that made itself infamous for publishing an interactive, Internet-based map revealing the names and addresses of thousands of New York's law abiding gun owners has now disabled the feature that allows readers to see those names and addresses.

The Westchester-area *Journal News* caused outrage among New York's legal gun owners with its anti-gun stunt as the story surged across the country. Citing public safety issues, as late as last Tuesday [a group](#) (<http://www.lohud.com/article/20130115/NEWS/301150110/Law-enforcement-rally-calls-paper-remove-map-gun-permit-holders>) of 50 current and former law enforcement officials gathered to demand that the newspaper remove the names from public view.

As soon as the map became an issue, legislators began efforts to change the state's laws to make it illegal to out gun owner's names. Even though such a law has yet to be put in place, the *Journal News* has decided to remove the names and addresses on its own citing the "[spirit](http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/ny-paper-removes-controversial-pistol-permit-data-18253316) (<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/ny-paper-removes-controversial-pistol-permit-data-18253316>)" of the laws under consideration, as well as a provision in the state's latest anti-gun law that passed earlier this week.

New York's newest gun law contains a provision for gun owners to request that personal information be excluded from public databases, and the *Journal News* claims it was reacting to this provision with its map shutdown.

"With the passage this week of the NYSAFE gun law, which allows permit holders to request their names and addresses be removed from the public record, we decided to remove the gun permit data from lohud.com at 5 pm today," the paper said in a statement released by the Manhattan PR firm it hired to handle media inquiries.



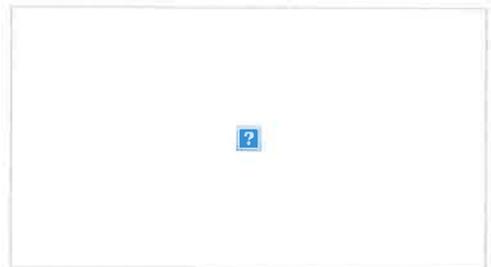
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In her letter, Hasson was unbowed in her desire to continue the attack against the state's legal gun owners despite the new law passed and the outrage expressed over her paper's actions.

The *Journal News* publisher also made no mention of the [several cases](http://www.examiner.com/article/second-home-listed-by-journal-news-burglarized-guns-stolen) (<http://www.examiner.com/article/second-home-listed-by-journal-news-burglarized-guns-stolen>) of home invasion and burglary of homes of gun owners that appeared on her paper's map.

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And notice that it is because law enforcement and former law enforcement approached them. Regular citizens don't matter.

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Really? I think the Law Enforcement officials are looking out for everyone here, especially since they're the ones who could be looking at the barrel of a gun stolen from one of these homes. How about showing some appreciation for the people who put their lives on the line so you can type drivel from mom's basement.

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