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To: SHOT Show Leadership

After much thought, I am withdrawing my attendance from SHOT 2022. I looked forward to attending in 2021, where I had a booth picked out in the new Caesars Forum. I was looking forward to attending in 2022 as well, but cannot in good conscience do such.

I have tried to live my life honestly and to always stand by my convictions, no matter the loss of friends, family, or financial gain.

While I seriously considered exhibiting in my booth and hoping there was no 'mask enforcement', and was willing to get kicked out of the show if there was such enforcement, I have decided that is not in the best interest of myself, my business, or my customers to do such.

While some would say I should be 'grateful for the opportunity to attend', and 'we have been doing business with masks on for over a year now', I would be giving up part of my honor by 'gratefully attending with a mask on'. I have not worn a mask since this all started (outside my former work as a Radiologic Technologist at a hospital). I do not need to explain my reasons, just as someone who is actually worried about Covid but willing to attend a show with 30,000+ people from all over the world with anything less than a MOPP suit on does not need to explain their logic and reasoning to me.

I fully realize that this will likely result in forfeiture of my funds, and I will not likely retain any points for a booth next year. I could have just called in sick (easy to do these days...) the week before the show and retained my booth points, and even had my booth sitting there unstaffed. But that would be a lie for my own gain, just as signing the 2022 SHOT SHOW Participant Waiver stating I will comply 'with all posted policies and restrictions imposed by law' would be a lie.

Our country was founded on personal freedoms, and the firearms industry is, at least at the consumer level, made up of folks who believe in personal freedom. There exists today an obvious movement by our government to take away personal freedoms in the name of 'safety'. It is my belief that by participating in such 'minor loss of freedoms', we are throwing open the door for further erosion of our freedoms. This I will not help do.

Regards,

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"It you do not object when the transgressions against your conscience are minor, why presume you will not willfully participate when the transgressions get out of hand?"

Jordan Peterson, "Beyond Order".