

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1757

A RESOLUTION urging President Donald J. Trump to grant a full pardon to
Shane Cox and Jeremy Kettler.

WHEREAS, Under the Second Amendment Protection Act (SAPA), passed into law in 2013, all firearms, firearm accessories, including silencers, and ammunition manufactured and sold within the borders of Kansas, are wholly governed by Kansas law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shane Cox, a law-abiding resident of Kansas and father of an active-duty member of the military, was a manufacturer of firearms and firearm accessories in Kansas in full compliance with SAPA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox subsequently sold a silencer that he manufactured in compliance with Kansas law to Mr. Jeremy Kettler, also a law-abiding Kansas resident and a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Kettler were subsequently indicted by a federal grand jury on several counts for violating federal laws. On November 14, 2016, Mr. Cox was convicted on eight counts for illegally making and marketing firearms. Mr. Kettler was convicted on one count for purchasing a silencer without registering it under the National Firearms Act; and

WHEREAS, The federal court based part of their conviction on a Kansas law that criminalized the possession of sound suppressors in Kansas which was enacted prior to SAPA, and which, due to an oversight, was left unchanged; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox and Mr. Kettler relied, to their detriment, on a law that authorized them to do the very acts that they were convicted of; and

WHEREAS, There was no intent on the part of Mr. Cox or Mr. Kettler to circumvent federal law. Instead, they were merely doing what they understood to be permitted under Kansas law; and

WHEREAS, But for their reliance on the Kansas law, a law they thought protected them, these two upstanding men would not have felony convictions on their records: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we urge President Donald J. Trump to grant a full pardon to Shane Cox and Jeremy Kettler; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States of America, the United States Attorney General, the Kansas Attorney General, the Governor of the State of Kansas and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1757 was sponsored by Senators Tyson, Alley, Baumgardner, Berger, Denning, Doll, Estes, Faust-Goudeau, Fitzgerald, Francisco, Givens, Goddard, Hilderbrand, Holland, Longbine, Lynn, Masterson, Olson, Petersen, Pyle, Suellentrop, Taylor, Wagle and Wilborn.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.