

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501**  
**OFFERED BY MR. STEARNS OF FLORIDA**

At the end of the bill insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **FINDINGS.**

2       The Congress finds that—

3               (1) more than 40,000 laws regulating the sale,  
4       possession, and use of firearms currently exist at the  
5       Federal, State, and local level;

6               (2) there have been an extremely low number of  
7       prosecutions for Federal firearms violations;

8               (3) programs such a Project Exile have suc-  
9       ceeded in dramatically decreasing homicide and gun-  
10      related crimes; and

11              (4) enhanced punishment and aggressive pros-  
12      ecution for crimes committed with firearms, or pos-  
13      sessing a firearm during commission of a crime, are  
14      common sense solutions to deter gun violence.