



Dear Fireworks Consumer:

Are you aware that fireworks in the United States are under attack and may be eliminated in a very short period of time if our citizens do not speak out? Here are just a few things that are happening right now that you may not be aware of:

- The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is calling for an all out ban of consumer fireworks in the United States, and has joined with several other associations in order to accomplish this goal.
- The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is attempting to force all pyrotechnic chemical suppliers in the United States out of business, and has succeeded in eliminating over 80% of the small suppliers in the US during the last year alone.
- The Safe Explosives Act, passed by the US Congress in 2004, essentially eliminated the ability for high school students to legally build high power model rockets in the US.
- The US Center for Disease Control (CDC) started its own campaign in 2005 to call for a complete ban of all consumer fireworks, including sparklers, fountains, and party poppers.
- Most shipping ports in the United States are now prohibited from allowing ships carrying fireworks to dock or unload at US ports. Ninety-five percent of all fireworks in the US come from China.

The fact is that the overwhelming majority of Americans support the legal use of consumer fireworks in the United States. If we do not organize together to stop this egregious erosion of rights, it is likely the next generation of Americans will never know what a sparkler is, or that the Fourth of July was once celebrated with fireworks. Amateur rocketry will cease to exist. American science will suffer.

It is not too late to stop the vocal minority from taking away our right to celebrate with fireworks in America. Fireworks consumers, rocketry enthusiasts, and amateur scientists have joined forces through the **Fireworks Alliance** in order to stop this assault on freedom, and recapture some of the rights we have lost over the past two decades. But we cannot do this alone – we need your help too, along with your neighbors, your friends, and your associates.

Please join the **Fireworks Alliance** today. It cost absolutely nothing to join the **Fireworks Alliance**, and your voice may make the difference between winning and losing this final battle. You can join the Fireworks Alliance for free on the Internet at:

<http://www.fireworksalliance.org/>

It is ironic that Homer Hickam, the inspiration behind the movie “October Sky”, would be charged as a felon in today’s society for his experiments in energetic chemistry. Let’s stop the insanity. Join the Fireworks Alliance and help us to preserve the right to fireworks, rocketry, and science forever.

Sincerely,

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