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Do you know that fireworks in the United States are under attack? Do you know they may be eliminated in a very short period of time if our government has its way? Here are just a few things that have been happening recently that may completely bring an end to fireworks in the United States:

- The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is calling for an **outright ban of consumer fireworks** in the United States. NFPA has joined with several other associations in order to accomplish this goal.
- The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) started a campaign in 2005 to call for a **complete ban on all consumer fireworks**, including sparklers, fountains, and party poppers.
- The US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) is **attempting to discourage the sale and use of sparklers in the US**. Each year they stage an elaborate press demonstration on the Mall in Washington, which grossly exaggerates the dangers of using sparklers.
- When the US Congress passed The Safe Explosives Act in 2004, it essentially **eliminated the ability of budding young scientists (or anyone else) to legally experiment with amateur rocketry engines** in the US.

Yet the overwhelming majority of Americans support the legal use of consumer fireworks. If we do not organize and come together to stop this snowballing erosion of our rights, it is quite likely the next generation of Americans will never know what a sparkler is. They may only read in history books that the Fourth of July was celebrated with fireworks for over 200 years. Amateur rocketry, the childhood inspiration of many NASA scientists, will cease to exist.

It is not too late to stop the insurance companies, the government, and the vocal minority from taking away our legal right to celebrate with and enjoy fireworks in America. Now fireworks lovers, rocketry enthusiasts, amateur scientists, and those who simply cherish our liberties are joining forces through The Fireworks Alliance (TFA) to stop this assault on our freedom.

What is TFA? TFA is a group of people who are using the power of the internet to organize and make themselves heard in defense of fireworks at all levels of government. Membership is free. As a member, you will receive Early Warnings that let you know what new fireworks legislation is being proposed in your city or state. You'll be able to quickly team with other members in your area to stop or endorse new regulations. You will receive periodic newsletters telling you what is happening everywhere with fireworks. You'll receive Action Alerts enabling you to help stop adverse fireworks legislation. You'll be able to volunteer to pass out flyers at fireworks events, and to help recruit other members. In short, you'll have the tools you need to help in the fight.

Please join The Fireworks Alliance today. It's free. Your membership will make a difference.

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Thank you.

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