

Sound Familiar?

(Sources: The Pew Environment Group, World Health Organization, Remington Arms, Kimber Mfg.)

Gun Industry Opposition to Microstamping

"Simply put, microstamping does not work."

--Joe Gross, chief operating officer of Remington Arms on June 19, 2009, in the *Utica Observer-Dispatch* opposing microstamping

Denial

Historical Industry Opposition to Regulation

"We don't believe it's ever been established that smoking is the cause of disease."

--Murray Walker, vice President and chief spokesperson for the Tobacco Institute, in 1998 testifying under oath at the Minnesota Trial

"Microstamping legislation yields little more than a false sense of achievement for our elected officials"

--Ralph E. Karanian, chief operating officer of Kimber Firearms on March 21, 2012, opposing microstamping

Blame Others

"This is a hastily conceived regulation done for political reasons alone to satisfy Congress."

--Robert Roland, president of the National Paint and Coatings Association, on the decision by the FDA in 1972 to reduce lead content in paint

"Passage of this bill could result in layoffs of factory workers throughout New York as manufacturers, already being heavily lobbied by tax and gun friendly states, consider moving out of New York."

--Lawrence G. Keane, senior vice president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms industry, on January 10, 2012, opposing microstamping

Hyperbole

"Complete stoppage of [auto] production could occur."

--Ernest Starkman, GM vice president testifying before Congress in 1972 on plan to require catalytic converters on all cars

"Mandating firearms microstamping will restrict the ability of Remington to expand business in the Empire State. Worse yet, Remington could be forced to reconsider its commitment to the New York market altogether."

--Stephen P. Jackson, Jr., chief strategy and acquisition integration officer at Remington Arms, on March 16, 2012, in a letter to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo opposing microstamping

Unfounded Threats

"We'll have to close down."

--Henry Ford II, chief executive officer of Ford Motor Company, commenting in 1966 on seat belt and safety glass mandates