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**MONTANA CHAPTER OF MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA
SUPPORTS 9TH DISTRICT COURT RULING TO MAINTAIN FEDERAL LAW**

(Missoula, MT) Dec. 2, 2013– Gary Marbut and the Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA) are appealing to the Supreme Court of the United States in order to profit on a rifle designed for children. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America supports the 9th District Court Ruling to uphold federal law.

In 2009, the Montana State Legislature adopted and passed the Firearms Freedom Act (FFA), which was written by gun manufacturer and lobbyist Gary Marbut of the Montana Shooting Sports Association. The FFA purports that firearms sold and kept in Montana are not subject to federal firearms regulations.

Shortly after the 2009 law was passed, Marbut made plans to manufacture the Montana Buckaroo, a small rifle marketed to children. The gun could not be manufactured without a federal license, which Marbut refused to obtain. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives warned he could face criminal charges if he produced the firearm. Marbut then challenged the federal authority; The District Court ruled against Marbut and the 2009 FFA. Earlier this year the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision. Now he's appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“While Marbut states his case is about state law vs. federal law, the supremacy clause of the U.S. Constitution, which affirms that federal law trumps state law in all cases, has been firmly upheld time after time. The clear motive behind Marbut’s actions is to make money on a rifle marketed to children,” said regional manager of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and Montana resident, Nancy dePastino. “Nearly eight children or teens lose their lives every day in this country, including one this year to a rifle designed for children. Clearly, Marbut and the MSSA are motivated by greed at the expense of child safety. We don’t expect the Supreme Court will even hear this case.”

About Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

Much like Mothers Against Drunk Driving was created to change laws regarding drunk driving, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America was created to build support for common-sense gun reforms. The nonpartisan grassroots movement of American mothers is demanding new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families. In just 11 months, the organization has more than 100,000 members with a chapter in every state in the country. For more information or to get involved visit www.momsdemandaction.org. Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction or on Twitter @MomsDemand.

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