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Your View: Letters to the editor (Feb. 18)

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Violating our constitutional rights

At a recent City Council meeting, Charlotte Lipson, secretary of the Doña Ana County Democratic Party asked what steps the city was taking to prevent criminals from buying guns at the Lions Club Gun Show scheduled for Feb. 19-20 and shipping them to Mexico. Police Chief Williams commented that these sales are regulated by federal law and the ATF, and that the city has little authority over them.

Mayor Miyagishima stated he wants to pass a resolution to require background checks on all individuals who purchase guns within the city. City Attorney Connolly stated it would be unconstitutional because the state Constitution says cities have no right to interfere with the Second Amendment right to bear arms. Mayor Miyagishima said we should do it anyway and force the citizens to challenge it in the courts. And who pays for court costs to defend the city? You guessed it, the taxpayers.

Councilor Small said the gun show has been hosted by the Lions Club for many years and that the proceeds from this event are used to support their children charities. He said that the city should first try to work with them before passing such a resolution. I applaud Councilor Small for his common sense approach and recognition of the true role of government.

Obviously, Mayor Miyagishima is showing his disdain for our constitutional Second Amendment rights. Here is another liberal politician who

believes he knows what's best for us even if it violates

our constitutional rights and a well established rule of law. We need to let him know this is unacceptable and work to insure he is not re-elected as our mayor in November.

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Half a brain

A Sound Off! caller with half a brain was published on Feb. 6 by your paper. He/she apparently doesn't know about the North Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation, which along with global warming causes a polar high and forces cold air from the poles to mid-latitudes.

He/she doesn't know that during the last cold spell, it was 2 degrees warmer at the North Pole than in Las Cruces. He/she also doesn't know that 2010 was tied with 2005 as the hottest year on record. He/she also doesn't know that with more energy available and more moisture in the atmosphere due to global warming that storms will drop more precipitation, snow and rainfall, and be even more severe in the future.

He/she apparently doesn't know that there will be increasing sea level rise causing coastal and tidal communities to relocate, but he/she confuses weather with climate. An individual event is weather, not climate. He/she doesn't know that legitimate scientists agree that dumping 36 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year cannot be good for anyone on Earth.

He/she doesn't know that glaciers are melting worldwide at an unprecedented and alarming rate.

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He/she doesn't know that Christopher Moncton isn't a scientist and Anthony Watts is a weather forecaster and that S. Fred Singer and the Heartland Institute, Heritage Foundation, Hudson Institute, Cato Institute and other conservatives are supported by big tobacco and big oil and coal and argued against cigarette smoke causing cancer. He/she doesn't know that the Tea Party was originally funded by the billionaire Koch brothers. He/she probably thinks it's a grass roots organization!

He/she is in the same category as our governor and Harrison Schmitt, our governor's former choice for New Mexico's environment head. But what would one expect from someone with half a brain.

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