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The Razzberry Report:
**Rouzer, Budd Opposed Common-Sense, Gun Safety Proposal Approved
by Congress**

Note to Editors: *This is another in a series of reports intended to spotlight votes by Rep. David Rouzer and Rep. Ted Budd that demonstrate they are unfit to represent the people of North Carolina in the Congress of the United States.*

It was the most significant piece of gun safety legislation considered by Congress in nearly three decades. It was the product of a bipartisan coalition of Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate.

And yet, Republican congressmen David Rouzer and Ted Budd opposed the bill in the House, proving once again they are unfit to serve the best interests of North Carolina citizens.

“The modest bill didn’t ban assault weapons,” said Shelley Allen, acting chair of the Brunswick County Democratic Party. “It didn’t mandate a nationwide red flag law allowing authorities to take guns from people deemed too dangerous to have them, and it didn’t outlaw certain kinds of ammunition. But in a time when the nation is still reeling from a series of senseless gun attacks on children and innocent adults, Rouzer and Budd, with a combined \$361,464 in campaign funds from the NRA, chose to do the gun lobby’s bidding and oppose common-sense safety policies.”

In addition to campaign contributions from gun groups, Budd owns a gun store in Rural Hall, NC, which according to his [financial reports](#) is worth up to \$5 million.

In defending his vote, Rouzer disingenuously stated the bill “erodes the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.” But in choosing to side with the NRA and its allies, Rouzer lost a chance to support programs he claims to favor — programs included in the bill, such as federal assistance to fund community mental health programs and aid to improve school safety.

“We’ll be watching to see if Rouzer takes any credit for federal grants sent to Brunswick County under this new law,” Allen said.

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