Clarifying the Second Amendment **Name** _____

To many, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is the most confusing of all the amendments. It uses old-fashioned language and combines two ideas into a single sentence: “a well-regulated Militia” and “the right of the people to keep and bear arms.” Furthermore, the context in which the Second Amendment was written is very different from today. At that time, citizens were expected to help defend their communities. Today, militias have largely been replaced by professional law enforcement.

Imagine you are part of a committee tasked with reducing the confusion and controversy surrounding the Second Amendment. How would you rewrite the amendment to make its meaning clear and easy to understand for everyone today? Explain your reasoning.

The Second Amendment:
A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

Revised Version:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Reasoning:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____