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GUN RIGHTS VICTORY ON 2A!

All good things come to those who wait, and American gun owners who have waited for nearly 70 years are now savoring the sweet taste of victory with the Supreme Court's affirmation that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb said that the high court ruling is certainly not a "be all, end all" judgment, but it does constitute the "first step in a long march back toward liberty under a Second Amendment that means what it says."

CCRKBA was one of several gun rights organizations that filed key *amicus* briefs in the cast of *District of Columbia v Heller*. Gottlieb called the ruling "a watershed moment for American gun owners who have seen their rights incrementally eroded over the past several decades by anti-gun politicians and their extremist supporters."

"This ruling," Gottlieb stated, "should forever put to rest any contention that the right to keep and bear arms is not a fundamental, individual civil right."

Incredibly, almost two weeks before the ruling was issued, Brady Campaign President Paul Helmke was admitting to ABC News that "We've lost the battle on what the Second Amendment means."

CCRKBA leaders were surprised that Helmke couched his remarks in terms of being in a war with other Americans over a fundamental right. CCRKBA Communications Director Dave Workman noted, "The fact that he viewed this as a battle against his fellow citizens demonstrates just how far afield the anti-gun movement has strayed from mainstream America."

Gottlieb said the task now facing gun owners is to "roll up our sleeves and get to work on rolling back years of gun control abuses."

"This ruling also makes it abundantly clear that laws which ban the possession of firearms, or make it simply impossible through regulation for citizens to exercise their right to keep and bear arms, are unconstitutional," Gottlieb stated. "America has taken a small but significant step toward restoring the Second Amendment to its proper place in our Bill of Rights."

"For years," he observed, "this fundamental civil right has been under constant attack. We are hopeful that the Court's decision will halt an insidious campaign for citizen disarmament through legislation and regulations that have made our neighborhoods less safe, our cities less secure and our people less self-reliant."

"But this fight is hardly over," Gottlieb concluded. "The Supreme Court's ruling is a stepping stone, the foundation upon which we can rebuild this important individual right. Our work has only just begun."

CCRKBA HITS BRADY PLAN TO UNDERMINE JUDICIARY

For centuries of American history, the individual civil right interpretation of the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms was so generally accepted that it was not a matter for dispute.

In more recent decades, however, social engineers desired to subject American citizens to a system in which an individual right was something granted by a governmental authority to a person as opposed to something which existed as a God-given natural aspect of one's humanity.

In this scenario, they developed the idea of a collectivist right, according to which individuals really don't have personal rights, but only rights to the extent they are members of a collectivity.

This development turns the philosophic system upon which our civilization is based upside down. In reality, according to traditional philosophy, a right is something proper to an individual as opposed to a collectivity.

In applying this false philosophy to the right to keep and bear arms, these statist collectivists argue that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms applies only to people who actually are members of an organized militia – a collectivity.

In this continuing effort to destroy the Bill of Rights, the Brady Campaign has launched a joint effort with the extremist CREDO Action to block confirmation of federal judicial nominees who accept the Second Amendment as protective of a fundamental individual civil right.

"In there ever were any question that the zealots at the Brady Campaign are determined to crush

individual freedom and liberty in this nation, this new fund raising effort should put that question to rest," charged CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "This is yet another outrageous example of the extreme ends to which they will go in order to stack our federal courts with far left activist judges whom they hope will trample the rights of law-abiding citizens."

In its fund raising appeal, CREDO Mobile – which supports financially far left causes including the Brady Campaign – bemoans the likelihood that a Supreme Court ruling will affirm that the Second Amendment protects an individual civil right to keep and bear arms. The group also complains that such a ruling will lay the foundation for legal challenges of extremist gun laws now on the books in several states.

The Brady Campaign President, Paul Helmke, opposed an individual right interpretation of the Second Amendment in the District of Columbia v. Heller case and indicated he hoped the Supreme Court would support the District's right to ban private handgun possession.

"The Brady Campaign and CREDO obviously want federal judges who are hostile to the individual right to keep and bear arms," stated Gottlieb. "Their appeal for funds even suggests that anti-gun Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, could be a willing pawn in this insidious campaign."

"The country should no longer be surprised at the depths to which anti-gun rights fanatics will go in their political jihad against a cornerstone of our Bill of Rights. What this

campaign has done is focus public attention on Sen. Leahy and how he handles judicial nominations. We will be watching to see whether the Senate gives honest consideration to all nominees, or whether Leahy and his colleagues will allow anti-gun extremism to prevail."

Gottlieb said that, "It is time for the public to remind the Brady Campaign and its comrades that this is still the United States, not a police state."



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CCRKBA HITS BILL TO RENEW SEMI-AUTO BAN

CCRKBA recently blasted the latest congressional move to ban the manufacture, transfer or possession of certain semiautomatic firearms.

The bill, H.R. 6257, the proposed Assault Weapons Ban Reauthorization Act of 2008, was introduced last month by Rep. Mark S. Kirk (IL), with three original cosponsors, Reps. Michael Castle (DE), Michael A. Ferguson (NJ), and Christopher Shays (CT), and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, under the chairmanship of anti-gun Rep. John Conyers (MI).

"During the Clinton Administration," recalled John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, "our nation was subjected to a ban on the manufacture and importation of certain semiautomatic firearms. This sunset 10 years after its effective date despite attempts to revive it. This latest proposal, which also would sunset 10 years after its effective date unless reenacted, is just as onerous, or even potentially more onerous than the Clinton era legislation. The introduction of H.R. 6257 shows how determined gun bannermen are on this issue, and we can expect trouble from them for the rest of this legislative year and, in fact, for years to come. CCRKBA opposes H.R. 6257 and will work to defeat it and similar measures this year and in following years."

This measure, though similar in some respects to the so-called ban on certain semiautomatic firearms during the Clinton Administration, yet differs from it in other ways.

The current proposal contains a long list of specific firearm models which would be excluded from the purview of the bill if it were enacted into law. On the other hand, it would

include within its prohibitions the possession of semiautomatic firearms, as well as their manufacture or transfer, which meet the specifications contained in the bill and are not specifically included on the list of guns in the bill's appendix, unless they are possessed lawfully on the act's effective date.

H.R. 6257 otherwise would ban any of the firearms, or copies or duplicates of the firearms in any caliber known as Norinco, Mitchell and Poly Technologies Avtomat Kalashnikovs (all models); Action Arms Israeli Military Industries UZI and Galil; Beretta Ar 70 (SC-70); Colt AR-15; Fabrique National FN/FAL, FN/LAR and FNC; SWD M-10, M-11, M-11/9 and M-12; Steyr AUG; INTRATEC TEC-9, TEC-DC9 and TEC-22; and revolving cylinder shotguns, such as, or similar to the Street Sweeper and Striker 12.

H.R. 6257 would ban a semiautomatic rifle that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least two of: a folding or telescoping stock; a pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon; a bayonet mount; a flash suppressor or threaded barrel designed to accommodate a flash suppressor; and a grenade launcher.

H.R. 6257 would ban a semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least two of: an ammunition magazine that attaches to the pistol outside of the pistol grip; a threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward handgrip or silencer; a shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to hold the firearm with

the non-trigger hand without being burned; a manufactured weight of 50 ounces or more when the pistol is unloaded; and a semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm.

H.R. 6247 would ban a semiautomatic shotgun that has at least two of: a folding or telescoping stock; a pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon; a fixed magazine capacity in excess of five rounds; and an ability to accept a detachable magazine.

H.R. 6247 would define large capacity ammunition feeding device as a magazine, drum, feed strip or similar device manufactured after the date of enactment of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 and that has a capacity of, or that can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

However, this would not include an attached tubular magazine designed to accept, and capable of operating only with, .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

For a number of years now, there has been much speculation about the viability of "smart gun" technology.

In fact, California may be about to enact legislation which would prohibit the sale of handguns in the Sunshine State which do not fall into the "smart handgun" or "owner-authorized handgun" category.

One big problem, though, is that reliable "smart gun" technology has not yet been shown to exist.

OBAMA NOT IN TUNE WITH AMERICANS ON GUN ISSUE

"A comparison of a recent national survey on gun rights in the United States with the public record of Sen. Barack Obama, the presumptive 2008 Democratic Party presidential nominee, reveals that the politician is out of touch with the American people on this issue," John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, stated.

According to the Harris Poll released last month and conducted among 2,602 sampled adults the previous month, Americans believe that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects an individual right to keep and bear arms.

By contrast, Sen. Obama believes that a 1976 ordinance enacted by the District of Columbia that in effect banned the possession of a handgun even in one's home by a law-abiding citizen, is constitutional.

The Harris Poll conducted its survey as Americans awaited the Supreme Court decision in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the major issue in which is whether the Second Amendment contemplates an individual right or a so-called "collective right" to keep and bear arms.

The Harris Poll proclaimed in a statement that it "showed wording from the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to the survey's sample and asked whether U.S. adults think the Second Amendment supports an individual's right to bear arms or a state's right to form a militia, the same question the Supreme Court will be answering this month.

The Poll found:

"By 41 percent to 17 percent, a two to one plurality believes that the Second Amendment supports

an individual's right to bear arms. Interestingly, almost three in ten (29 percent) feel the amendment supports both and five percent say neither.

"Furthermore, by political party affiliation, Republicans by 51 percent to nine percent believe the Second Amendment supports individuals' right to bear arms. Democrats also agree, though by a closer 41 to 22 percent margin. Independents are even more closely divided with 31 percent to 22 percent thinking that the Amendment supports an individual's right to bear arms."

Obama, on the other hand, according to the public record, is on the other side of this issue.

According to a Chicago Tribune article of November 20, 2007 by James Oliphant and Michael J. Higgins, "Court to Hear Gun Case," "The campaign of Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama said that he'...believes that we can recognize and respect the rights of law-abiding gun owners and the right of local communities to enact common sense laws to combat violence and save lives. Obama believes the D.C. handgun law is constitutional."

The D.C. law that Obama thought was constitutional barred handguns, and operable rifles and shotguns in the home.

As Emma Schwartz wrote on "The Right to Bear Arms" in the March 6, 2008 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, "The D.C. law, like laws in Chicago and New York City, doesn't explicitly ban handguns; it requires that all residents register them with the city. Since the city stopped registering handguns in 1976, no one who hadn't registered by then can have a handgun at home. The result, effectively, is a ban. D.C.'s law also bars residents from keeping

any other firearm, such as a rifle or shotgun, loaded or assembled."

In a section on the 2008 Presidential Campaign, the Harris Poll reported that, "concerning the three major candidates – John McCain, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama – the public is split on which individual would do a good job in handling the gun control issue if elected president:

"By 36 percent to 34 percent, John McCain receives slightly higher positive marks than either Democrat. Conversely, Barack Obama receives a 42 percent to 30 percent negative rating as does Hillary Clinton with 40 percent to 30 percent."

Interestingly, when over half the members of each house of Congress signed a friend of the Supreme Court brief calling for a ruling that the D.C. law is contrary to the Constitution, neither Sen. Obama nor Sen. Clinton signed it. Sen. McCain, however, did.

Commenting on the Harris Poll, CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb noted that another of the findings is that only 49 percent of those surveyed favor stricter gun control, down from 52 percent in 2004 and way down from the 69 percent who favored tougher gun laws in 1998. Twenty percent want fewer restrictions on firearms, and 21 percent want no changes in current laws.

"Most American adults have a clear understanding of what the Second Amendment says and what it means. It is time to end this fairy tale notion that the right to keep and bear arms is solely linked to militia service."

CCRKBA SAYS GUN DEALER MADE RIGHT MOVE IN CASE

Georgia gun dealer Jay Wallace's decision to default on a lawsuit by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and carry his case to an appeals court, was the right move because of genuine concerns he could not get a fair trial before federal judge Jack B. Weinstein, CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb said.

Gottlieb agreed with Wallace's attorney, John Renzulli, that, "There was no chance for a fair trial here."

Renzulli said the default was a procedural maneuver to rush the case up to an appellate court to seek an order requiring Judge Weinstein to dismiss the case or to hold a trial by jury. Renzulli said the gun store, Adventure Outdoors, would continue to fight the city's lawsuit.

Gottlieb noted that, "There must be an appearance of fairness from the

bench in any trial, and that unfortunately is lacking in Jack Weinstein's courtroom when there is a gun case being heard. He defied a 2005 federal statute barring junk lawsuits against gun makers and allowed such a lawsuit to move forward, only to have it tossed out.

"Even when Judge Weinstein ruled against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its first lawsuit against gun makers, he made it clear that he believes there is a 'nuisance created by (the gun industry) through the legal availability of guns in New York.' With a bias like that, Judge Weinstein should recuse himself from hearing cases related to the firearms industry."

Wallace's default was pandered by Mayor Bloomberg as a victory for the city, but Gottlieb suggested that

Bloomberg should hold his tongue.

Bloomberg said the move by Wallace was "as good as a win at trial—and a validation of our innovative efforts to hold gun dealers accountable for following federal laws... Today's decision by Mr. Wallace to surrender his opportunity to defend his case at trial paves the way for the court to appoint a monitor of Adventure Outdoors."

Gottlieb, however, pointed out that, "Mr. Wallace and his attorney did not throw in the towel. They merely avoided being kangaroo-kicked in Judge Weinstein's court. There is no indication this case is over, and based on New York's track record in court against the gun industry, whatever feeling of victory Mayor Bloomberg and his cronies now enjoy is almost certain to be very short-lived."

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

This summer as in past years, Congress plans to take several formal recesses when they return to the home district to communicate with constituents. These communications take many forms, including "town hall" meetings where they address gatherings of a few dozen to a few hundred citizens, public appearances where the citizens they represent can at least see them if not talk to them, and private meetings with constituents.

Although the specific recess dates may not have been locked completely into place, they typically include a long Fourth of July recess this month and another, longer recess next month, plus an extended Labor Day recess in September.

One matter CCRKBA Members and Supporters could impress upon their U.S. Representative and both of their U.S. Senators is the importance of retaining the Tiahrt Amendment as part of the appropriations measure for funding the Justice Department and, therefore, of rejecting S. 2769, a measure introduced by Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey to gut the Tiahrt Amendment. The Tiahrt Amendment prohibits anti-gun mayors like Michael Bloomberg of New York City and others from acquiring access to firearms transaction information designed specifically for criminal investigative and prosecution purposes and then using that information in harassing lawsuits against law-abiding entities within the firearms industry.

Call your Representative's or Senators' district office, which may be found in the blue pages at the front of your telephone directory, and ask when he or she may be holding a town hall meeting in your area. Plan on attending the meeting and listening to what these officials have to say about firearms-related issues and our right to keep and bear arms. If they're silent on the gun issue, bring up the issue, and let them know that ongoing terrorist threats and continuing attempts by anti-gun politicians to undermine our gun rights generate perpetual interest in supporting the individual Second Amendment civil right to keep and bear arms. Stand up and be counted!

LOUISIANA SENATOR THE CCRKBA DEFENDER

State Senator Joe McPherson of Woodworth, Louisiana has been named CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month for July.

In nominating the lawmaker for the Award, John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, noted that there are solid reasons for the designation.

"Throughout his public career," said Snyder, "Sen. McPherson has been an outstanding proponent of the individual, Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms.

"Within the context of defense of gun rights, a struggle has been developing regarding the right of lawfully-armed employees to keep their guns in their vehicles while parked on their employer's property."

Snyder said that, "Sen. McPherson is taking a lead in Louisiana for gun owners' rights and certainly deserves being named CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month."

In Florida just recently, Snyder recalled, the Florida State Legislature passed and Governor Charlie Crist signed into law a measure which protects the right of Florida citizens with valid state-issued permits to carry concealed firearms to keep their guns locked in their vehicles while at work so that they can actually have their guns with them while going to and from work. This was enacted into law after several years of struggle with corporate interests in the state who wanted to prevent their workers from keeping their guns in their cars while the automobiles were parked in the various firms' parking lots.

Georgia subsequently enacted guns in the workplace legislation that Governor Sonny Perdue signed into law.

In Louisiana, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry and the Louisiana Chemical Association are fighting to maintain what they consider their right to prevent law-abiding gun owners from bringing their guns onto their property. Greg Bowser, a chemical association representative, for instance, said that, "You have a right to have a gun in your car but as a property owner, I should have a right to say, 'You can't bring that gun on my property.'"

To that, Sen. Joe McPherson said the companies unfairly deprive employees of the right to defend themselves and the ability to go hunting on their way to or from work. He proposed legislation similar to measures being considered in other states.

Sen. McPherson said his proposal "is assuring we don't take away citizens' rights. In Louisiana, we look at a car as an extension of a home."

Greg Bowser of the Louisiana Chemical Association, however, told the House Criminal Justice Committee that passage of the bill would tell employers that, "If you employ people, you lose your rights for saying what you can control on your personal property," and said also that the McPherson bill would allow workers to sue their employers "for telling them this is something I don't want on my personal property."

Sen. McPherson pointed out that "there are people being fired" because they show up at work with a gun in their vehicles. He noted a man in his district went duck hunting before

work and was bragging to a fellow worker about bagging the limit and having the ducks in his truck. The fellow worker told his supervisor about it and suggested the man's gun must be in there, too.

McPherson's proposal, Senate Bill 51, would provide specifically that a person who lawfully possesses a firearm may transport or store such firearm in a locked, privately-owned motor vehicle in any parking lot, parking garage, or other designated parking area.

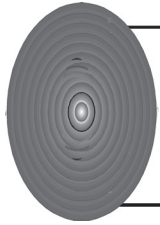
The bill would provide also that no property owner, tenant, public or private employer, or business entity will be liable in any civil action for damages resulting from or arising out of an occurrence involving the transportation, storage, possession or use of a firearm transported or stored pursuant to his proposal.

Joe McPherson has been a State Senator since 2000. He also served previously in the State Senate from 1984 to 1996. He's in the U.S.A.R. and is a business owner of retail and healthcare facilities and also commercial property.

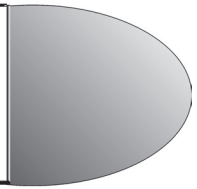
He's been educated at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern State University.

Sen. McPherson is Chairman in the Louisiana State Senate of the Standing Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. He serves also on the Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development Standing Committee.

Sen. McPherson is the Safari Club International 2008 State Legislator of the Year.



QUICK SHOTS



San Francisco's budget crisis underscores the frivolity of the city's stubborn and expensive defense of its doomed-from-the-start 2005 gun ban, CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb said last month. He said the city administration's pursuit of this case, which was almost a carbon copy of a similar court action 23 years ago that was also lost by the city, is a clear indication that "fiscal and philosophical irresponsibility run hand-in-hand on the Board of Supervisors and in the mayor's office. Mayor Gavin Newsom should have, and probably could have, stopped this case dead in its tracks after the city's first loss in the trial court. Instead, the city doggedly appealed, and appealed again, and for what? To make a political statement of some sort? When you're hemorrhaging money from the city budget, pushing a court case that you already know you're going to lose is remarkable carelessness with the public's money."



Popular movie star Angelina Jolie has armed herself with the same guns she used in the movie *Tomb Raider*, and would not hesitate to use the firearms to protect her growing family, reports World Entertainment News Network. The Hollywood actress, who is pregnant with twins, revealed that she keeps a gun at home for family protection, and said that her action roles in movies like *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* have taught her how to handle such a gun. She said, "I bought original real guns of the type we used in *Tomb Raider* for security. If anybody comes into my

home and tries to hurt my kids, I've no problem shooting them. Brad (Pitt) and I are not against having a gun in the house, and we do have one. And yes, I'd be able to use it if I have to."



"If you were a robber or a rapist," asks nationally syndicated columnist Charley Reese, "who would you rather have as a victim? Someone who is armed, or someone who is defenseless? Even a stupid criminal knows the answer to that question. If the police can protect us – which is a claim the gun control people make – then why are so many people murdered, raped and robbed? Even the television fictional stories tell you the answer to that. The cops get there after the crime has been committed. Otherwise, there wouldn't be a crime scene. Nearly all the cop shows open with the police looking at a dead, unarmed body."

Two teens who were fatally



wounded one evening last month in Louisville, Kentucky were apparently breaking into a house when the owner shot them, according to Louisville Metro Police. The Louisville Courier-Journal reported that Earl Springer, 19, died of a gunshot to the chest outside the home, said Larry Carroll, a deputy Jefferson County coroner. Desmond Deshawn Turner, 19, died several hours later of gunshots in his neck and arm, said Jo-Ann Farmer, chief deputy coroner. The teens were shot shortly after 5 p.m. when they broke into the house. One of

the teens had a weapon. During a fight inside the house, owner Billy Jackson shot both teens, apparently in self-defense, said Officer Phil Russell, a department spokesman. Jackson, 70, said the teens were wearing masks, demanded his wallet and threatened to kill him. He said he pretended he was having a heart attack to buy himself a couple of seconds to reach for the gun he had in his waistband. He said he fired to protect his wife, who was in the kitchen at the time.



An outbreak of xenophobic violence has resulted in the murders of 56 people and forced thousands more to take shelter in camps, community halls and churches across South Africa, reports World Net Daily. The victims are foreigners who are strictly forbidden from owning guns. Thomas Eastes, National Chairman of Gun Owners of South Africa, said foreigners are unable to defend themselves from such atrocities because they are not allowed to be armed in South Africa. He believes the rise in crime and chaos is chiefly a result of the Firearms Control Act passed by the South African Parliament. "Arming foreigners and as many citizens in South Africa will surely provide an equal opportunity of survival for all," Eastes said. "The weak, the marginalized, the oppressed and frail have a chance of survival if they are armed. I believe that firearm ownership places great responsibility on people but also enables foreigners and legal citizens not to live in fear."

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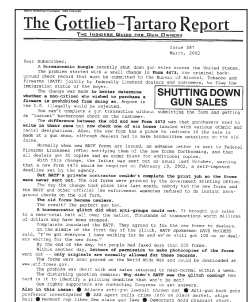
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