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GUN OWNER ENEMY ELECTED PRESIDENT

An enemy of America's 90 million law-abiding gun owners has been elected President of the United States.

When President-elect Barack Obama is sworn in as President of the United States on January 20, 2009, he will have absolute Democrat Party majorities in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives. Our traditional American freedoms and our right to keep and bear arms will be in more serious jeopardy than ever before.

The crunch is on. Our backs are up against the wall.

We need your support now as never before.

Although Obama as a presidential candidate indicated he supported the Second Amendment, this contradicted his previous public record. He has opposed the right of law-abiding citizens to use firearms to defend themselves and their loved ones from predatory murderous criminals.

Obama's anti-gun owner public record on firearm issues runs counter to that of U.S. Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs, who indicated in a recent survey of American law enforcement command officers conducted by the National Association of Chiefs of Police that over 93 percent support the right of any law-abiding citizen to be able to purchase a firearm for sport or self-defense.

As a public official, U.S. Sen. Obama, who also has been an Illinois State Senator, has supported legislation to ban the manufacture, possession and sale of handguns, to ban most of the privately owned shotguns, target rifles and black powder rifles in Illinois, to allow law enforcement officials to forcibly enter private homes to confiscate banned firearms, and to ban shotguns with a bore of .50 caliber or more.

Obama has voted four times against legislation to protect homeowners from prosecution in cases where they used a firearm to halt a home invasion. He has called for federal legislation to prevent states from enacting laws enabling qualified, law-abiding citizens within their jurisdictions to carry concealed firearms, and in fact has spoken out generally against concealed carry laws. He even helped defeat an Illinois bill that would have allowed an individual to carry a concealed firearm when he or she had a valid order of protection against another person.

Obama voted twice in the U.S. Senate to hold firearm manufacturers, distributors, dealers and importers liable for the acts of criminals when he opposed the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

Obama's election is bad news for gun rights. Let's work with legislators to prevent his presidency from becoming a tragedy for American freedom. We need your help. Please contribute to CCRKBA today!

CCRKBA ASKS DEMS IF ANTI-GUN MASK IS OFF

CCRKBA issued a statement after the elections last month asking the Democrats: "Has the Democrat Party's anti-gun mask come off?"

CCRKBA called on Democrats to "be honest" with America's 90 million law-abiding gun owners and "tell us whether your campaign themes of adherence to the Second Amendment were all lies."

CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb said gun owners are legitimately alarmed that President-elect Barack Obama has selected virulent anti-gun-rights Democrat Rahm Emanuel as the White House chief of staff. Rep. Emanuel of Illinois was "point man" on gun ban efforts for the Clinton Administration.

"Scores of Democrats, including Sen. Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joe Biden, assured voters over the past several months that they 'support' the Second Amendment," Gottlieb stated. "Well, America's gun owners do not merely 'support' the Second Amendment. We live by it every day. We value the right to keep and bear arms as much as we value the rest of our fundamental civil rights. We will zealously protect and defend that right. That is something Democrats need to understand. To think otherwise is a monumental mistake."

Gottlieb added that, "Mr. Obama, whose history on gun rights is abysmal, appears to be considering his party's most extreme gun control advocates for key positions in his administration. That is not a sign of goodwill toward gun owners or their rights. It is a red flare warning of high winds and rough weather looming on the political horizon."

"Our nation is in serious trouble and

we all need to be working together to solve our fiscal crisis and our energy problems. The fastest way to alienate tens of millions of productive, loyal and hard working American citizens is to attack one of their constitutionally protected rights."

Gottlieb said that, "We all wish our new president smooth sailing in his new ship of state because we are all along for the ride. But we caution his crew that the eyes of every American gun owner are on you. Democrats have an opportunity and an obligation to prove they mean what they have been saying about protecting the Second Amendment, or to demonstrate to the country that they truly are the party of extremist gun control."

Gottlieb is co-author, with Dave Workman, CCRKBA Communications Director, of *These Dogs Don't Hunt: The Democrats' War on Guns*.

The book contains gripping evidence of the continuing political plans to destroy in the United States the individual Second Amendment civil right to keep and bear arms. It exposes key Democrat leaders in their own words and deeds. No where else can you find all this information in one place. This is a must read. It is full of accounts of behind the scenes political maneuvering aimed at confusing gun owners as to who their real enemies are.

When you read what they say in their own words your blood will boil. The book exposes President-elect Barack Obama, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Al Gore, Jesse Jackson, Chuck Schumer, Dianne Feinstein, Henry Waxman, John Kerry and others.

This book is filled with the latest truth about the plans to stack the

courts with anti-gun judges, change laws and use bureaucrats to attack gun rights, all researched by Gottlieb and Workman.

It uncovers a whole web of facts that prove that the Democrats' war on guns is alive and well and cleverly repackaged under the Obama banner of "Change" and how spreading this important information can help resist this assault on our Second Amendment rights.



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PRESIDENT-ELECT WEBSITE PROMOTES GUN CONTROLS

When the U. S. Supreme Court decided last June in the landmark case of *District of Columbia v. Heller* that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects an individual right to keep and bear arms and that the District of Columbia ban on handguns is unconstitutional, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois indicated he supported the decision even though he had indicated previously that he supported the D.C. gun law and even though he had previously not signed a congressional amicus brief supporting *Heller* and even though his previous public record was one of flagrant opposition to private firearms possession and use.

At the time, a number of firearm rights activists questioned the sincerity of Obama's apparent complete change of heart on the firearms issue, suggesting that Obama, as a candidate for President of the United States, was scrounging for the votes of at least some of America's 90 million law-abiding gun owners in his campaign for the presidency.

Last month Obama was elected President and is slated to be inaugurated on January 20.

A website for the President-elect, Sen. Obama, changed and softened up within one week, outlined his public policy program.

The website included a proposal to "Address Gun Violence in Cities."

"As president," the section read, "Barack Obama would repeal the Tiahrt Amendment, which restricts the ability of local law enforcement to access important gun trace information, and give police officers across the nation the tools they need to solve gun crimes and fight the illegal arms trade. Obama and

Biden (Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, the Vice President-elect) also favor commonsense measures that respect the Second Amendment rights of gun owners, while keeping guns away from children and from criminals who shouldn't have them. They support closing the gun show loophole and making guns in this country childproof. They also support making the expired federal Assault Weapons Ban permanent, as such weapons belong on foreign battlefields and not on our streets."

The Tiahrt Amendment which Obama wants to repeal is endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police as well as by CCRKBA and other firearm rights organizations in the United States. It has been included each year in the appropriations measure approved for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It prohibits the release of federal firearm tracing information to anyone other than a law enforcement agency conducting a legitimate criminal investigation. Gun grabbers oppose the restriction because it prevents them from obtaining tracing information and using it in frivolous and harassing third-party lawsuits against law-abiding firearm manufacturers.

When Obama indicates he wants to make the guns in the country "childproof" or keep guns away from children, he does not mention that the word "childproof" is a codeword for a number of proposals and schemes actually designed to reduce or prevent the legal sale of guns by imposing impossible or highly expensive design requirements on them, such as biometric shooter identification systems. CCRKBA and other gun rights organizations actually support

genuine child safety programs, but hasten to point out that accidental firearm-related deaths among children actually have decreased 86 percent since 1975, even though the numbers of both children and guns in the hands of citizens have increased, rising to dramatic heights. The chances of a child being killed in a firearm accident are less than one in a million.

Even though Obama says he wants to close the gun show loophole, there really is no loophole. Under federal law, a firearm dealer must conduct a background check on anyone to whom he sells a gun, regardless of where the sale takes place. A person who is not a dealer may sell a gun from his personal collection without conducting a check. Even though gun grabbers claim 'many criminals obtain firearms from gun shows, the most recent federal survey of convicted felons indicate the actual figure is only 0.7 percent.

Although former President Bill Clinton has indicated that enactment of the so-called "ban" on certain semiautomatic firearms in 1994 led to the defeat of the Democrats in the 1994 congressional elections, and although the "ban" was allowed to sunset in 2004 because there was not adequate proof that it had served as an anti-crime measure, Obama wants to reenact it anyway, perhaps strengthen it and make it permanent! Studies for Congress, the Congressional Research Service, the National Institute of Justice, the National Academy of Sciences, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found no evidence that gun prohibition or gun control reduces crime.

CCRKBA BLASTS ANTI-GUN CHIEF

CCRKBA declared recently that an anti-gun police chief's missing gun is a bigger threat to the public safety than most firearms.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb said that Seattle, Washington Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske, who was quoted by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* in late October as claiming that more guns in the community does not deter crime, should remember that his stolen gun is out there posing a greater threat to public safety than firearms belonging to typical law-abiding gun owners.

Gottlieb pointed out that CCRKBA still has a reward for the recovery of Kerlikowske's stolen 9mm Glock pistol, which was taken from his city-owned car as it was parked on a downtown Seattle street almost four years ago.

Kerlikowske, who was in New York City preparing for a debate at Rockefeller University on gun control over National Public Radio, was quoted by the Seattle newspaper as arguing that the research is "clear" that the more guns there are in the community, "the more they are in circulation for criminals to get there hands on."

The debate was part of National Public Radio's "Intelligence Squared" program, a series of debates intended to provoke discussion of public issues.

Gottlieb reacted by saying, "That's a subject on which Kerlikowske should be an authority. He carelessly left his loaded pistol where someone could steal it, and that gun has never been recovered. How dare this man start preaching about the pratfalls of gun ownership when he can't even keep track of his own handgun?"

"In fact," Gottlieb said, "research by Professor John R. Lott, Jr. and others indicates just the opposite, that more guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens do have a deterrent effect on violent crime.

"But fact apparently doesn't matter to the chief, who has been an ardent proponent of restrictive gun laws ever since he arrived in Washington State. Evidently to his dislike, gun ownership is constitutionally protected here. He has continually lobbied on behalf of Washington CeaseFire, using his position of authority to attack the civil rights of law-abiding firearms owners across the Evergreen State. No doubt he will be helping to lead the charge to erode Washington State's long-standing state preemption law in Olympia, Washington in January, to that his boss, anti-gun Mayor Greg Nickels, can push to disarm law-abiding gun owners living in Seattle."

Gottlieb said that, "We have a better idea. Chief Kerlikowske should spend every waking hour looking for his stolen gun, instead of trying to steal the gun rights of the citizens he has hired to serve and protect. Who protects those citizens from the thief who is now armed with Kerlikowske's gun? Law-abiding armed citizens can take far better care of themselves than Chief 'Empty Holster' Kerlikowske."

Kerlikowske was joined at the debate by several others, including Paul Helmke, President of the anti-gun Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, as well as by Stephen Halbrook, a constitutional lawyer and author who has filed lawsuits challenging bans on handguns in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Kerlikowske said the debate situa-

tion was "a little different forum for a police chief to be in, at Rockefeller University in New York City in an 'Oxford style' debate. I think they just wanted a practitioner. I think they just wanted a little more color added to it, a little more practical viewpoint."

Under Oxford-style rules, two teams are asked to argue for and against a motion, which in this case was the statement, "Guns reduce crime."

Kerlikowske said that, "When there are more guns, there are more guns used in suicides, and more guns used in domestic violence. And where there are more guns in more homes, there are more accidental shootings, including shootings by children."

However, John Lott, who is a research scholar at the University of Maryland, and the author of *More Guns Less Crime* and *The Bias Against Guns*, and a member of the debate team opposing Kerlikowske, disagreed. He said that most academic studies show that in areas where more residents have permits to carry concealed firearms, crime rates are lower than they are in other areas. "About 30 percent of studies find no effect," he said. "But no one claims there is a bad effect."

In 2004, Kerlikowske was one of several big-city police chiefs unsuccessfully urging Congress to renew at the federal level the so-called ban when it expired or sunset after 10 years. At the state level, he joined Mayor Nickels in urging lawmakers to require background checks on sales at gun shows.

CCRKBA NOTES CONCERN ABOUT OBAMA ELECTION

"Ever since Barack Obama was elected President of the United States, we have noted concern among many law-abiding firearms owners around the country about what his ascendency next month could mean from a public policy perspective for the future of legitimate gun ownership in future," John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, noted recently. "Many people seem greatly concerned."

Newspapers around the country reported an upsurge in sales of firearms and ammunition in anticipation of a potential additional government limitation on such sales.

From the center of the United States, came reports of such an upsurge.

"With the election of Barack

Obama, gun owners are flocking to stores, boosting sales because of concerns the Democrat will raise taxes on guns, ammunition and accessories or even ban some guns outright," wrote Jon Pilsner from Colorado in the *Lakeland Reporter-Herald*.

"'We're seeing a huge increase in sales, more than 100 percent,' said Bob Jensen, owner of Jensen Arms. 'Barack Obama has terrified our republic...he's extremely anti-firearm and anti-freedom.'"

The newspaper reported that, "for the past month, an influx of customers has been boosting sales to new levels, Jensen said.

"But the store's owner doesn't feel too great about that. His concern is that the current boom is going to be followed by a major bust if tax

increases or bans are passed – a bust that he believes could put him out of business."

In the *Denver Post*, Jason Blevins and Nancy Lofholm wrote from Grand Junction, Colorado that John Faulkner, an oil field worker, said that "I'm really scared for our future" as he looked over the firearms for sale at a store there.

By noon the day after the election, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's "Insta-Check" background check "was jammed with waits lasting more than two hours," reported the *Post*.

"Gun shop owners and buyers said the urgency was fueled by Barack Obama's presidential win and Democrats' increasing their majority in Congress."

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

Now that voters have chosen as President a candidate whose pre-election public record on Americans' gun rights establish Barack Obama as the most potentially anti-gun president in our nation's history, CCRKBA Members and Supporters and all freedom-loving Americans everywhere have our work cut out for us!

Supporters of the individual Second Amendment right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms constitute a potentially powerful political faction in our nation. According to estimates, there are 90 million gun owners in the United States. Obama received fewer than 65 million votes in the national election on November 4.

We need to make sure that RKBA supporters are strong enough politically to withstand and overcome the assaults on our gun rights which now are bound to emanate from the White House and from gun grabbing extremists in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

It is most important for us to renew our acquaintances with our Senators and Representatives if they continue in office or to initiate our acquaintances with newly elected Senators and Representatives.

There's nothing quite like personal constituent contact with a legislator. Make an appointment with your Representative and both of your Senators. Visit him or her individually or as part of a group of individuals and let the legislator know in polite but firm terms that you will brook no interference with your gun rights. Do it this month before the new Congress convenes on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. in January 2009. Follow up with continuing phone calls, letters, and emails to the legislators and to the legislators' staffs, especially with staff members who are assigned to cover the issues of firearm rights and gun control.

PRO-GUN WRITER THE CCRKBA GUN DEFENDER

"While gun owners throughout the country are contemplating the potential effects of the recent national election on the individual right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, it is most appropriate that we have as the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month an international writer who posits gun ownership itself philosophically as an indication of private individual freedom as distinguished from state authority or governmental power," states John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director.

"Indeed," says Snyder, "I am happy to nominate Lorne Gunter as CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month for December in the belief that the absolute philosophic underpinning he provides for the right to keep and bear arms will serve us all well in the battles for gun rights we face in the months and years ahead. As a matter of fact, he wrote me recently that, 'I have never owned a gun, never even fired one, but I believe private gun ownership is one of the surest signs that individuals, not government, are in charge of a society.'"

Snyder says that, "Lorne Gunter philosophically places the right to keep and bear arms right at the heart of the continuing functioning of a free society. Because of the articulate way in which he does this, he certainly deserves this Award."

Lorne was born in 1958 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada and has been a journalist since 1991. He is married and is the father of two children.

In a recent analysis of the fact that, "Handgun bans don't prevent

murder," Lorne wrote in a sarcastic vein that, "There is no one more persistent than a liberal with a bad idea. He knows his intellectual and moral superiority make him infallible, so he easily convinces himself there is nothing wrong with his idea. It is the world that is mistaken. Even the facts cannot be the facts when they disagree with his idea. So he forges ahead against all reason, attempting to remake the world until it accepts he was correct all along.

"Which brings me to the subject of gun bans. As useless as bans have proven liberal politicians will raise the subject over and over. Thankfully new, unconnected reports from statistics in Canada and Chicago once again point out the futility of banning guns as a way of lowering crime."

Gunter's statement appeared in the *National Post* of Canada. He is a columnist and editor board member of the *National Post* and a columnist with the *Edmonton Journal* in Canada. He has been a commentator on political and social issues since 1995 and has published nearly 2,500 pieces in that time.

Lorne pointed out that recently, "Chicago took over as murder capital of the United States. There are several cities that have higher murder rates per 100,000 population, but no city with more total murders. Even with a population of just over three million, Chicago can expect more murders, 500, in their city, than in New York (400 murders and five million population) or Los Angeles (300 murders and 3.8 million people).

"Chicago is also the gun confiscation and voluntary hand in capital of the United States. Over the past

decade, Chicago police have confiscated or had surrendered to them an average of 10,800 guns per year. Chicago also had a complete ban on handgun sales and possession since 1982."

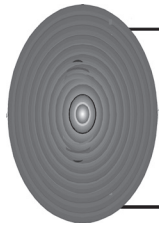
With these statistics as background, Gunter asked, "How come there are so many handgun murders and so many confiscations in the Windy City if handguns are banned?"

Gunter answered the question. "The answer is simple," he wrote. "Criminals ignore laws against handgun ownership more contemptuously even than they ignore those against robbery, assault, rape, drug dealing and murder.

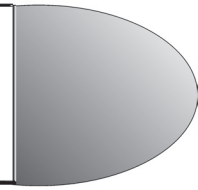
"Crusading politicians may keep law-abiding citizens from possessing guns, but they will do nothing to stop firearm crimes because law-abiding citizens aren't shooting down their rival meth pushers outside strip clubs at two o'clock in the morning."

Lorne Gunter is an occasional panelist on the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) program, *The National*. He also is a frequent guest on *Adler Online* on the Corus Radio Network. He has published essays and opinion pieces in various newspapers and magazines, including *Readers' Digest*, *National Review*, the *Weekly Standard*, *TechCentralStation* and others.

In addition to his journalism, Lorne is the past president of Civitas, a society for conservative and libertarian academics, think tankers, lobbyists and journalists, and a former member of the advisory board of the Canadian Constitution Foundation.



QUICK SHOTS



Michael Sullivan, who recently completed his second year as Acting Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), told Alex Kingsbury of *U.S. News & World Report*, that “the toughest investigations to conduct at the local and federal level are firearms trafficking cases. To begin with, there are Second Amendment rights, and as a federal law enforcement agency, we’ll zealously guard those rights. Drug investigations, in many ways, are a lot easier because in most instances, from beginning to end, the drugs are illegal. Guns, the vast majority of them, enter commerce legally, are used lawfully, and possessed legally. It’s like that proverbial needle in the haystack trying to identify those folks who put them into commerce illegally – the person who shows up to buy a gun for their brother or boyfriend who is a felon.”

“Cab Drivers Should Carry Guns,” say gun rights advocates, according to a headline in *The Washington Examiner*. The newspaper reports that “gun rights advocates say attacks on taxicab drivers in the Washington area call for further changes in D.C. handgun laws. After a Supreme Court decision overturning a ban on handguns, D.C. residents may keep registered weapons in their place of business. But police and city officials say the workplace must be a ‘fixed location,’ making it illegal for taxicab drivers to carry weapons. Nathan Price, Chairman of the D.C. Coalition of

Taxicab Drivers, says the city’s 7,000 drivers aren’t sufficiently shielded. He says that if the city fails to protect drivers, then it’s a constitutional right ‘to carry a gun to protect yourself.’ In addition to one murder, police also investigated at least seven assaults on Washington taxi drivers in January and February.

In Eifort, Ohio, a Scioto County man was shot and killed in an early morning confrontation that began when he tried to enter a vehicle on the property of the resident who shot him, according to a report in *The Columbus Dispatch* based on a release from Sheriff Marty V. Donini. Timothy L. Reese, 21, of South Webster died at the scene. The man who shot him was not identified. He told investigators he caught the victim trying to enter a vehicle on his property, confronted him, and then shot him, the police release stated. Detectives think that it was a case of self-defense, but evidence will be presented to a county grand jury, the sheriff said. A “castle doctrine” law that took effect in September establishes a presumption that a person acts in self-defense when shooting someone who unlawfully enters his or her home or occupied vehicle.

A group of students at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana says students have the right to carry concealed firearms on campus to protect themselves in case of an attack, reports FoxNews.com. Junior

criminal justice major Blake Graham heads Ball State Students for Concealed Carry on Campus. “We feel that it’s our right that we need to be able to protect ourselves,” Graham said. The Ball State group is a local branch of the national Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC). SCCC wants state legislatures and school administrators to allow concealed handguns on campus for license holders. Paul Chandler, the group’s faculty advisor and an associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, said people with legal permits should be allowed to carry guns on campus.

In Lafayette, Louisiana, area hunters and sportsmen cleaned out their freezers and donated game and fish to support the Hunters for Hungry food drive, reports *The Daily Advertiser*. Participants donated 6,000 pounds of meat, enough for 18,000 meals, to the annual food drive which supports the Outreach Center’s efforts to provide meals for homeless and impoverished community members. Center Chairman Bob Giles said that each year the donated food is stored in large freezers and usually feeds residents for the remainder of the year.

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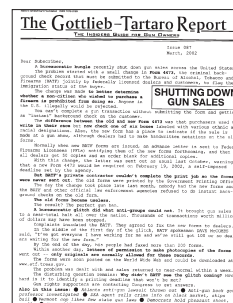
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