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## **CCRKBA PRAISES BIG SENATE VOTE**

"It appears that Congress may be about to zero in on the Department of Justice," John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, said. "It can't come soon enough," he added.

"The overwhelming bi-partisan 99-0 Senate vote to prohibit the Justice Department and its Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from engaging in any more Fast and Furious fiascoes is a step in the right direction," said Snyder. "Hopefully, the House of Representatives will follow suit.

"What's really needed now is a full-scale congressional investigation of the Justice Department and even of the White House itself."

The vote was unique in that it brought together conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats.

It came on an amendment by Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) to withhold funding for any program like Fast and Furious.

During floor debate, the chairwoman of the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Subcommittee, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), supported the amendment. She lauded the Cornyn effort to prevent any more programs like the "gun-walking" program that enabled firearms purchased in the United States to wind up in the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

The Cornyn amendment provides that, "No funds made available under this Act shall be used to allow the transfer of firearms to agents of drug cartels where law enforcement personnel of the United States do not continuously monitor and control such firearms at all times."

In promoting his amendment, Sen. Cornyn included some explanatory language. He noted that, "Congress is investigating the Department of Justice for intentionally allowing firearms to be smuggled to Mexico. While the full scope of the operation is being determined through congressional inquiries, those facts that have come to light thus far paint a troubling picture of it. What is clear is that during Operation Fast and Furious, federal agents funneled thousands of arms to cartel gunrunners and lost track of the weapons, which later surfaced at the scenes of countless acts of violence on both sides of the border, including the murder of United States Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry."

The amendment comes as part of a "minibus" appropriations bill for fiscal year 2012. It contains Sen. Mikulski's jurisdiction as well as agriculture, transportation and housing spending.

# CCRKBA SUPPORTS REFORM PROPOSAL

CCRKBA announced its support for S. 1691, the proposed bi-partisan Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act.

It was introduced in October by Sens. Mark Begich (D-AK) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"As Sens. Hatch and Begich stated," said John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, "S. 1691, if enacted into law, would allow for the interstate sale of firearms and remove from the books unnecessary restrictions imposed currently on interstate firearms transactions.

Its companion in the House of Representatives, H.R. 58, by Reps. Steve Scalise (R-LA) and Dan Boren (D-OK), has over 160 cosponsors. It's been referred to the House Judiciary Committee and in turn to its Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

"The proposed Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act is much-needed legislation. We also urge CCRKBA Members and Supporters to contact their U.S. Representative and both of their U.S. Senators and demand they support the legislation."

Sen. Begich said that, "Current laws restricting interstate commerce of firearms not only lag behind common sense and new technology, they are unfair and burdensome. This legislation cleans up decades-old laws that are unnecessarily restricting the rights of Americans to purchase and sell firearms."

The proposed law would remove a number of restrictions from the Gun Control Act of 1968, which only allowed licensed dealers to sell

rifles and shotguns to residents of a different state under a lengthy series of conditions. The restrictions were supposed to prevent buyers from evading "background checks" available at the time, which were carried out mainly through state laws requiring local police chiefs to issue firearms permits.

Since 1998 all people buying firearms from dealers in the United States have been subject to computerized background checks under the FBI's National Instant Background Check System (NICS). This is a system much more sophisticated and advanced than what was available in 1968. As a result, the complex system of state laws currently restricting the interstate commerce of firearms is outdated.

S. 1691/H.R. 68 would allow individuals to buy handguns, as well as rifles and shotguns, from licensed dealers in another state, subject to the same background check requirement. The buyer and dealer still would have to meet in person and comply with the laws of both states.

The bill would reduce theft and loss of firearms during shipment between dealers by getting rid of a provision that stipulates dealers may not transfer firearms to one another face to face, away from their business premises. Currently, dealers who agree on a sale are forced to return to their businesses and ship firearms to one another. This involves some risk of theft or loss. S. 1691/H.R. 68 would allow an in-person exchange.

It would amend the definitions for federal firearms provisions to (1) revise the definition of a "mem-

ber of the Armed Forces on active duty" to include a resident of the state in which the member maintains legal residence or in which the member maintains a place of abode from which he or she commutes each day to the permanent duty station, and (2) provide that an officer or employee of the United States (other than a member of the Armed Forces) stationed outside the United States for a period exceeding one year is a resident of the state in which the member maintains legal residence.



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# CCRKBA MAY PROPOSE SHADOW INVESTIGATOR

In its ongoing and continuing hands-on approach to the ever-expanding federal gun scandal, CCRKBA is considering new initiatives in the attempt to get to the bottom of the matter perpetrated by the Department of Justice and its Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

If President Obama does not appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the Justice Department's cover-up of Operation Fast and Furious, and when Attorney General Eric Holder knew and when he knew it, CCRKBA may hire its own "shadow" investigator.

"President Obama told reporters last month that he has complete confidence in Eric Holder," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "From our perspective, it looks like the president has complete confidence that Holder will continue to stonewall Congress and cover up this mess. The president has been asked to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the

attorney general. If he doesn't, then someone else must act."

Gottlieb said the Fast and Furious scandal is "far worse than Watergate, because nobody got killed as a result of Watergate." The investigation began when two on-line journalists uncovered evidence that the gun trafficking scheme put thousands of guns into the hands of Mexican cartel gunmen. Two of those guns were recovered at the murder scene of Border Patrol agent Brian Terry last December.

Reports of the scandal and its implications have been circulating in the media and on Capitol Hill.

The chairman of the House Committee of Oversight and Government Reform, Congressman Darrell E. Issa (R-CA), the CCRKBA Legislator of the Year, has been conducting a series of public hearings on the scandal.

"Fast and Furious has gotten a lot of people killed," Gottlieb observed,

"including Brian Terry. CBS News disclosed recently that former Deputy Attorney General Gary Grindler knew about Fast and Furious 18 months ago. He's now Holder's chief of staff. Yet the president and Holder both stick to the claim that they had no knowledge of the operation. Just how much longer does this administration think the American public is going to believe that story? People aren't that gullible.

"The public deserves to know whether the attorney general, the top law enforcement official in the United States, committed perjury when he testified before Congress."

Gottlieb stated that, "What's happening right now is a travesty. Obama isn't going to fire Holder or accept his resignation. He desperately needs Holder to stay on the job and continue obfuscating and stonewalling. Obama is more interested in damage control than he is in gun control."

## CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

The election is a year away, but the primary season is almost here. Primary elections and party caucus votes will start in January -- possibly even sooner as some states move their process up in an attempt to assume greater influence over the outcome.

Last month we looked at personal preparations in gearing up for the 2012 election cycle. Updating your voter registration status, encouraging family and friends to ensure their registrations are up to date.

Gun shows can play a critical role in the election process. Many gun show promoters donate table space free of charge, or for a reduced fee, to candidates and to generic voter registration and political education efforts. It's a matter of survival. Some politicians would like nothing better than to shut down gun shows, not just because of the firearms and related sales that take place there, but because of the potential for political education and outreach gun shows offer. Where else can you reach several thousand voters over a weekend and promote your message?

If your local gun show promoters don't have "political tables," now is the time to ask them -- to encourage them -- to do so. It's their livelihood that's under attack. And political education tables need volunteers to man them. Visiting a gun show AND spending time educating your fellow gun owners on what is at stake next November. What better way can you spend your time?

# GRPC THEME IT'S ABOUT F ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTUR

In a special address to the 2011 Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) in Chicago, Illinois, Sandra Froman, Past President of the National Rifle Association, outlined some hard political facts. She told the attendees why it is so important for gun rights activists to work for the election of political candidates who will appoint gun rights friendly judges.

GRPC is sponsored each year by CCRKBA and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF). The September 23-25 meeting of over 500 gun rights activists from around the country was the 26th annual gathering. Its theme this year was, "It's About Freedom."

Froman picked up on the theme early in the conference explaining that the president of the United States gets the chance to nominate candidates to the federal courts, often including to the Supreme Court. This is why a president's attitude on freedom and gun rights is so important, she said.

To make her point, she selected the appointments made by President Barack Obama and his immediate predecessor, George W. Bush, as examples.

When Bush was president, he appointed Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Samuel Alito to the high court. Both jurists sided with pro-gun 5-4 majorities in the landmark gun rights rulings in the *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *McDonald v. City of Chicago* cases.

Obama, on the other hand, has appointed two anti-gun jurists, Associate Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. Justice Sotomayor already has sided with the anti-gun minority in the *McDonald* case. If and

when another Second Amendment case reaches the court, Justice Kagan would be expected to do the same.

Another major address was given to GRPC participants by Congressman Joe Walsh (R-IL).

Rep. Walsh delivered a ringing presentation on the significance of the Second Amendment not only as an individual civil right but as a guarantor or protector of the body of American civil rights. He said it is most important for gun rights activists to support candidates for public office who are proclaimed and proven advocates of the individual Second Amendment civil right to keep and bear arms.

Joseph P. Tartaro, SAF President and editor of Gun Week, and Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman and SAF Founder, welcomed the GRPC participants. Tartaro discussed the road travelled for gun rights activists over the last year. Gottlieb previewed the year ahead, with a reference to the upcoming 2012 elections. The two also ended the conference with their closing remarks.

Among the many highlights of GRPC this year as in previous years was the formal recognition of individuals and organizations active in the defense and promotion of Second Amendment principles.

These included awards for CCRKBA Grassroots Organization of the Year to the Buckeye Firearms Association, CCRKBA Grassroots Activist of the Year to Valinda Rowe, SAF Scholar of the Year to David Hardy, SAF Journalist of the Year to David Codrea, CCRKBA Affiliate of the Year to the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA), CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Year to Alan Gura, CCRKBA Gun Rights Legislator of the Year to Con-

gressman Darrelle E. Issa (R-CA), SAF Bill of Rights to David Sigale, SAF Global Leadership to the Defense Small Arms Advisory Committee, CCRKBA Lifetime Achievement to John M. Snyder, and SAF Defender of Liberty to plaintiffs in pro-gun court actions Otis McDonald, Sallie Nordyke, Rhonda Ezell, Michael Moore, Colleen Lawson, David Lawson, and Jon Maier.

For the conference, Julianne Versnel, publisher of Women & Guns magazine and SAF director of operations, and Peggy Tartaro, editor of Women & Guns and a CCRKBA director, provided moderation services, Versnel on Saturday and Tartaro on Sunday.

The conference started off the Pledge of Allegiance led by ISRA president Don Moran.

It was followed with an invocation offered by Rev. Kenneth V. Blanchard, senior pastor of the Historic Berean Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

John M. Snyder, CCRKBA public affairs director, Larry Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America, Chris Knox, communications director of the Firearms Coalition and editor of The Gun Rights War, and Mark Barnes, the principal of Mark Barnes and Associates, presented a federal affairs briefing.

There were two state legislative affairs briefings, separated by a beverage break hosted by the Revolutionary War Veterans Association's Project Appleseed.

The first state legislative affairs briefing included presentations by Sam Slom, a SAF trustee and Minority Leader of the Hawaii State

# FREEDOM: WHY ELECTIONS ARE PROTECTION OF OUR GUN RIGHTS

Senate, Richard Pearson, ISRA executive director, Jim Wallace, executive director of the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) of Massachusetts, John Cushman, an NRA board director, and Jim Irvine, president of the Buckeye Firearms Association.

The second state legislative affairs briefing included talks by Joe Waldron, CCRKBA legislative director, Gene Hoffman, chairman of CalGuns Foundation, Phillip Journey, a Kansas District Judge and a Kansas State Rifle Association board member, Andy Allen, president of the Nebraska Firearms Owners Association, and Jeff Nass of WI Force of Wisconsin specializing in Firearms Owners Ranges, Clubs and Educators.

There followed a panel on United States Sovereignty, the United Nations, and the hidden international gun control agenda.

Its participants were Gottlieb, a director of the International Association for the Preservation of Civilian Arms Rights (IAPCAR), Silvia Gentile, legal counsel for the Federazione Italiana Storia Armi Tiro (FISAT), Gary Burris, FISAT funding committee, D. Allen Youngman, executive director of the Defense Small Arms Advisory Council, and Sheldon Clare, president of the National Firearms Association of Canada.

Attorneys comprised a panel on where gun rights stand in the courts after the *McDonald* decision and the ongoing legal struggle to regain lost rights. They were Alan Gura, lead counsel in the *Heller* and *McDonald* Supreme Court cases, Donald Kilmer, a constitutional issues litigator and lead counsel in the *Nordyke* case, David Jensen, counsel in the *Kwong v. Bloomberg* and *Moore v. Madigan*

cases, and David Sigale, counsel in *Ezell v. City of Chicago* and *Moore v. Madigan*.

Massad Ayoob, SAF trustee and founder of the Lethal Force Institute, Kathy Jackson, author of *The Cornered Cat: A Woman's Guide to Concealed Carry* and co-author of *Lessons from Armed America*, and Chris Bird of the Texas Firearms Instructors Association and author of *Thank God I Had a Gun*, spoke out on personal defense and the justice system.

Adam Winkler, a professor of law at UCLA School of Law and author of *Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in America*, discussed his book thesis after being introduced by Mike Tempiski, a SAF legal advisor.

The Obama administration's Fast and Furious scandal was the subject of discussion by David Codrea, a national Gun Rights Examiner columnist, and Dave Workman, Seattle Gun Rights Examiner and senior editor of Gun Week.

Mark Westrom, president of ArmaLite, Inc., Andre Queen of Fidelity Security, and Robert Lesmeister, national correspondent of *Gun Week*, outlined what ATF and government regulations mean to gun owners.

Alan Korwin of Bloomfield Press and author of state gun law books, David Gross of the Minnesota Gunowners Civil Rights Alliance, and Mark Walters, host of Armed American Radio, talked about concealed carry and gun free school zones.

Brian Patrick, associate professor of journalism at the University of Toledo, Malia Zimmerman, editor of Hawaii Reporter, and Don Irvine, president of Accuracy in Media, examined establishment media bias

with new perspectives.

Attorneys David T. Hardy, a litigator, author, researcher and videographer, and David Kopel, research director of the Independence Institute, told GRPC participants what the Supreme Court history tells us.

Medical doctors Timothy Wheeler, director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Claremont Institute, and John Wipfler, an emergency room physician, discussed the fight over patient privacy and medical practices.

Doug Ritter, founder and chairman of KnifeRights.org, Tom Gresham, host of Gun Talk and CCRKBA director, and David Jensen, counsel in a suit against a New York City district attorney, spoke about knife rights as the second front in the battle for the right to keep and bear arms.

The position of women in the front lines of the gun rights movement was examined by Genie Jennings, an author from *Women & Guns*, Valinda Rowe, spokesperson for Illinois Carry, Colleen Lawson, a plaintiff in the *McDonald v. Chicago* case, and Dr. Paula Bratich, Illinois coordinator of Second Amendment Sisters.

Rev. Kenn Blanchard, a firearms instructor, Charles F. Heller, executive director of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, and Nik Clark, chairman of Wisconsin Carry, discussed open carry, concealed carry and constitutional carry.

Jennings, Tempiski, Pearson, Stephen Aldstadt, president of the Shooters Committee on Political Education, and CCRKBA director Herb Stupp presented the resolutions committee report to GRPC.

The 2012 GRPC will be held in Orlando, Florida.

# CCRKBA NAMES CODREA THE GUN RIGHTS DEFENDER

David Codrea is the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month for November.

John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, nominated Codrea for the award saying that he "has seized upon the potentialities of the new media, especially mass internet communications, and sent it into action in effective defense of the individual Second Amendment civil right to keep and bear arms.

"David has become well-known within the Second Amendment community as one who spear-headed and pursued the ongoing federal government gun scandal. The scandal emanated from the Justice Department's ATF Project Gunrunner and specifically its Operation Fast and Furious. It's now the subject of continuing congressional investigation. Without David's determination as a dedicated gun rights media investigative reporter, this probably would not have happened."

David Codrea is the National Gun Rights Examiner. His colleague, Rob Reed, the Detroit Gun Rights Examiner, noted that David was named the Gun Rights Journalist of the Year at the 2011 Gun Rights Policy Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Reed wrote that, "Codrea was recognized for his work exposing how the ATF's so-called 'Fast and Furious' operation arranged for thousands of guns to be purchased from licensed FFL dealers and then smuggled to drug cartels in Mexico. These guns have since been linked to deaths on both sides of the border, including the murder of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry. Although potentially a story larger than Watergate, the

story has been largely ignored by the mainstream media, with a few exceptions, and would have not been known at all if not for the work of Codrea and Blogger Mike Vanderboegh.

"While the ATF insists the operation was a 'botched sting' intended to track the flow of guns to the cartels, Codrea instead believes the purpose was to 'pad the statistics' of the number of guns going into Mexico to further the administration's gun control efforts in the U.S. 'It's not like you don't know who the drug lords are anyway,' Codrea said during a conference panel on the operation."

David Codrea's investigative reporting apparently is driving some federal government officials up the wall. He noted that the ATF Chief Counsel's office had warned ATF management about his Gun Rights Examiner column.

Codrea reported he had "obtained a copy of a January 20, 2011 email from Barry Orlov, Associate Chief Counsel (Field Operations and Information) for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, calling top management's attention to a January 19 column posted by this columnist, 'Open Letter to Senate Judiciary Committee staff on Project Gunwalker.'

"Written to inform the committee of whistleblower allegations and to arrange for their protection, the ultimate goal of the open letter was to prompt a full congressional investigation. Orlov was named by House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Darrell Issa in July for sending intimidating warning letters to witnesses about what they could not talk about, with the result that 'at least one witness wanted to back out of testifying to his committee

after receiving the letter.'"

Codrea stated that Orlov's January email "was addressed to ATF Deputy Director William Hoover, Assistant Director in Charge of Field Operations Mark Chait, and Deputy Assistant Director of Field Operations William McMahon, and copied to ATF Chief Counsel Steve R. Rubenstein, as well as other Bureau attorneys.

"Rubenstein was recently identified in another Sipse Street Irregulars/Gun Rights Examiner exclusive advising then-ATF Acting Director Kenneth Melson that whistleblower allegations posted on the CleanUpATF website would be subject to repercussions under authority of ATF Orders and Standards of Conduct, resulting in Melson indicating he would turn the information over to Internal Affairs for investigation."

Codrea reported that Orlov wrote in his email, "You may well be aware of this, but I wanted to make sure. Attached is what purports to be an 'Open Letter to Senate Judiciary staff on Project Gunwalker. The letter states 'ATF employees are looking to come forward to provide testimony and documentation about guns being illegally transported to Mexico, with management cognizance' and that in order for these people to come forward, they require whistle-blower protection."

David asks that if readers "agree that mainstream media press coverage of the gun rights issue demands a counterbalance, please help me spread the word by sharing Gun Rights Examiner links with your friends via emails, and in online discussion boards, blogs, social media sites, etc."



# QUICK SHOTS

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld the Washington, D.C. ban on semiautomatic firearms and magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition. The plaintiffs in the case, *Heller v. D.C.*, or “Heller Two,” challenged D.C. laws that require the registration of firearms and prohibit so-called “assault weapons” and large-capacity ammunition magazines. In a 2-1 decision, a panel of the court ruled the D.C. laws did not violate the 2008 *D.C. v. Heller* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. That held the right to bear arms is an individual, fundamental right and invalidated the D.C. prohibition on private handgun possession. Plaintiff attorney Stephen Halbrook said the clients are discussing the next steps in the case, such as whether of not to move for a full (en banc) appellate court hearing.



In Cincinnati, Ohio, Grayson Matthews was working at the family-owned market on a Saturday night when a man wearing a garbage bag walked in and demanded money, according to WLWT, an NBC affiliate. “I laid it on the counter and he demanded more,” Matthews said. “He said, ‘Now I want the rest,’ and he puts the gun up in my face.” Matthews said he held the money up in his left hand and tried to distract the robber. “I knew his eyes would follow the money, and I said, ‘I have more hidden here,’ and when

I reached down, I grabbed my pistol and started firing,” Matthews said. The robber fled the market. Police later arrested 37-year-old Curtis Jason Wright and charged him with aggravated robbery. Neighbors later discovered a bloody bag that police believe Wright wore during the robbery, as well as a fake gun. Wright was hospitalized with a gunshot wound to his shoulder.



“Multiple sources, including sources from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Department of Justice and congressional offices have said there is a white paper circulating within DOJ, outlining the essential elimination of ATF,” Katie Pavlich, news editor at Townhall.com, wrote. “According to sources, the paper outlines the firing of at least 450 ATF agents in an effort to conduct damage control as Operation Fast and Furious gets uglier and as election day 2012 gets closer. ATF agents wouldn’t be reassigned to other positions, just simply let go. Current duties of ATF, including the enforcement of explosives and gun laws, would be transferred to other agencies, possibly the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Agency. According to a congressional source, there have been rumblings about the elimination of ATF for quite sometime, but the move would require major political capital to actually happen. ‘It’s a serious white paper being circulated, how far they’d get with it

I don’t know,’ a confidential source said.”



“The Supreme Court refused to consider whether an individual’s right to own guns includes carrying a firearm outside the home, staying out of one of the nation’s most divisive social, political and legal issues,” Reuters reported. “The justices let stand a ruling by Maryland’s highest court that upheld a state law prohibiting the carrying of a handgun without a permit outside of one’s home. The court turned down the opportunity to define the reach of its landmark 2008 ruling that the constitutional right to keep and bear arms applies to individuals and allows them to use guns for lawful purposes such as self-defense in the home.”



“9mm is faster than 9-1-1,” proclaims the heading on a uwmpost.com article. “The right-to-carry movement has made great strides in the last two decades,” the article continues. “In 1986 only Vermont offered restriction-free concealed carry while 15 states prohibited concealed carry entirely. By the end of 2011, Illinois will be the only remaining state with a total ban on concealed carry, while 37 states (including Wisconsin) are defined as ‘shall-issue,’ meaning their government must issue permits to anyone who meets the requirements.”

# The American Family That Lives Here Doesn't Need to Own Firearms



The residents of the White House are one of the few American families that don't really need to own firearms for their own defense. They have the best personal protection a nation can buy...24/7 Secret Service guardians.

Some governors and other high government officials are similarly shielded at taxpayer expense. And a few families are wealthy enough to pay for personal bodyguards.

Everyone else is on their own. Of course there are dedicated law enforcement officers, but they can't be everywhere all the time, and they are vastly outnumbered by the criminals. The courts have ruled repeatedly that police can't be liable for any failure to come to anyone's aid, even when lives are at stake.

The American people know that when threatened by the unexpected, they must provide for their own defense. The Supreme Court has ruled that the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right to arms for domestic defense, and 48 states provide for legal concealed carry of firearms.

In their homes and businesses, millions of families own firearms for personal defense, and many of those are the same popular semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and pistols which some misguided policy advocates propose to outlaw.

Such efforts would further tip the scales of safety in favor of criminals and terrorists who always ignore laws against murder, rape, robbery, carjacking and burglary just as they always have ignored gun laws. Enforcing gun bans against good citizens would place another, more difficult burden on law enforcement, with little effect on those intent on violence.

If you think you have the right to defend yourself and your family, use the coupon at lower left to remind President Obama of his campaign promise not to take away anyone's guns.

If you believe others should be exposed to this message, or if you wish to get more facts about firearms policy from the Second Amendment Foundation, use the coupon at lower right.

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