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GUN RIGHTS & LAME DUCKS: WHAT HAPPENS NOW

As this issue of *Point Blank* was going to press, it appeared all but certain that a tidal wave of change was heading for Capitol Hill to rival, and maybe surpass, what gun owners accomplished in 1994.

But before that change can occur, there is a "Lame Duck" session of Congress that gun owners must watch closely, advised CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb.

"Never underestimate the vindictiveness of a politician turned out of office," he cautioned. "A lot of bad things can happen between November 3 and the end of the current Congressional session."

Remarkably, gun owners managed to accomplish some advances during the 111th Congress, but not because Capitol Hill anti-gunners were swayed. The changes came in spite of Congressional gun grabbers and their supporters.

Gun rights took a step forward with passage of a law allowing firearms in national parks for personal protection. Another advance was restoration of the right to travel with a firearm aboard Amtrak.

Of course, the big victory for gun rights was at the Supreme Court, with the incorporation of Second Amendment protections extended to the states in the McDonald ruling. The Senate's leading anti-gunners, Charles Schumer and Dianne Feinstein, were not happy with those bills, and particularly the high court's McDonald ruling and they are still in office.

"This is not the end all, be all for gun rights," Gottlieb said. "A great deal of work is waiting over the horizon. We're going to be spending the next few years fighting to regain all of the ground we lost over the past few decades. Court rulings establish good legal precedents, but there are battles to be fought on Capitol Hill and in the halls of 50 state legislatures, where anti-gunners are digging in.

"This is hardly the time for gun owners to fold up their tents and go home, thinking that the fight is over," he observed. "Gun prohibitionists are a stubborn lot."

A change in Capitol Hill leadership may allow gun owners to focus their attention more closely on state legislatures. There may be efforts to pass "Constitutional Carry" legislation at the state level that eliminates the need for state carry permits, but gun owners should anticipate real battles over rolling back onerous gun laws in the wake of the McDonald ruling.

"There is much to be done," Gottlieb reflected, "and a great deal that should be un-done, and that will not magically happen overnight.

"Right now," he said, "gun owners need to roll up their sleeves. We've got a lot of work to do."

CCRKBA BLASTS CHICAGO ANTI-GUN PLOYS & ANTICS

In a stunning criticism last month of Chicago's anti-gun political establishment, CCRKBA charged that the city defends its policy of citizen disarmament while at the same time neighborhood violence in the Windy City goes unchecked.

While the City of Chicago currently is in federal court stubbornly defending its new anti-gun ordinance, data reveals that the city's United Central Park is the most dangerous neighborhood in the country, CCRKBA said.

"The city's new gun ordinance is deliberately designed to discourage citizens from obtaining handguns for personal protection," noted CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb, "yet the news reveals citizens in at least one Windy City neighborhood are in desperate need of the training and tools to defend themselves. It is time for Chicago residents to demand that the city amend or abolish its new gun ordinance, and stop defending it in federal court."

Gottlieb was referring to the city's defense against a lawsuit filed by the Second Amendment Foundation, CCRKBA's sister organization, which seeks to undo the new ordinance, which requires training and time on a gun range, but prohibits the operation of gun ranges in the city.

The report broadcast by the city's NBC affiliate said that "anyone walking down Lake Street between Damen and Western has a one in four chance of being a victim of a crime.

"How about people who live in that area," Gottlieb wondered. "The city is throwing up all kinds of obstacles against people wanting to exercise their recently-restored Second Amendment rights. This is simply unconscionable.

"The Daley administration acts like a shepherd that doesn't want any sheep dogs, yet expects the sheep to continue grazing amid hungry wolves. Thousands of Chicago residents don't consider themselves part of Mayor Daley's flock, and they are tired of having Daley and the City Council pull wool over their eyes about personal safety and civil rights."

Gottlieb pointed out that "stubborn resistance is one thing, but defending an indefensible ordinance in the face of this revelation is not just stubbornness. It is malfeasance."

In late September, local Chicago television aired a story about an elderly woman who had shot a 12-year-old boy throwing bricks at her house.

"As the story unfolded on the screen, and I listened to the people being interviewed," commented Charles Butler, "the common words to describe these young men's actions were 'terrorizing the community.' I truly hate to use the term urban terrorist but it is appropriate and accurately describes the actions and behavior of these young men."

Butler hosts "The Other Side with Charles Butler" on The Talk of Chicago WVON 1690 AM.

"The irony is," continued Butler, "if the elderly woman living by herself had not had a handgun to protect herself she would have been at the mercy of these terrorists. Under the Chicago gun ordinance citizens are still banned from owning handguns. This is in direct opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the McDonald case last June to overturn the ban. I have stated numerous times in commentary about gun

ownership in the City of Chicago that law-abiding citizens should be allowed to bear arms in their homes, and carry concealed weapons. The new mayor will have to support repealing the gun ban to get elected.

"This morning, I reached out to a number of people to address the arrest of the elderly woman and to press charges to be dropped against her. The latest information on this story is that no charges were filed against the woman and aggravated assault charges were filed against the young man."



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SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSE OBAMA ON RIFLE IMPORTS

Bipartisan groups of Senators and Representatives have gone on record opposing the Obama administration's decision to block the importation of over a hundred thousand M1 Garand and Carbine rifles from Korea into the United States market.

In a letter to Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Obama's Secretary of State, Senators wrote "out of serious concern regarding recent reports indicating the State Department – in conjunction with the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives – has arbitrarily chosen to ban the sale of surplus M1 Garand and M1 Carbine rifles from South Korea to qualified buyers in the United States. We strongly urge you to reverse this decision.

"According to recent reports, although the Obama Administration had approved the sale of these vintage, American-made rifles last year, your Department chose to reverse

the decision because the firearms 'could potentially be exploited by individuals seeking firearms for illicit purposes.' A spokesman for your Department went on to say, 'We are working closely with our Korean allies and the U.S. Army in exploring alternative options to dispose of these firearms.' This decision amounts to no more than a backdoor gun ban that lacks any basis or justification under current federal law and policy. This decision violates law-abiding citizens' constitutional right, protected under the Second Amendment, to purchase these firearms for legitimate purposes such as target shooting, hunting, collecting, and self-protection."

Senators Barraso (WY), Begich (AK), Bennett (UT), Burr (NC), Coburn (OK), Cornyn (TX), Crapo (ID), Enzi (WY), Grassley (IA), Gregg (NH), Inhofe (OK), Murkowski (AK), Shaheen (NH), Tester (MT), Thune (SD) and Wicker (MS) signed the letter.

They wrote that, "The M1 is lawfully used by American citizens for recreational activities and is also a highly collectible firearm for those interested in American history.

"Furthermore, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Guidebook on Firearms Importation, it is legal to import M1s because they are more than 50 years old and therefore qualify as 'curios or relics.' Moreover, any individual wishing to purchase one of these firearms would be subject to the National Instant Check System. Essentially, the sale of these historic rifles – each a piece of America's proud history – pose no greater risk than the sale of any other firearm legally sold in the United States."

Over 65 Representatives signed a similar letter. "If these classic rifles are allowed to be destroyed," they wrote, "a valuable piece of American history will be sacrificed for the sake of political expediency."

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

In their rush to get back to their home districts to campaign, Congress failed to pass ANY of the 12 annual appropriations acts required to keep the federal government running. They did pass a "continuing resolution" to temporarily fund government until they return to Capitol Hill, AFTER the election, to finish these critical -- and basic -- tasks. This is called a "lame duck" session because many of these Representatives and Senators will NOT be returning in January for the 112th Congress. And at that point may not fear retribution from the voters.

Most pollsters are predicting a Republican takeover of the House in January. Should that be the case, the November-December lame duck session may be Speaker Pelosi's and Majority Leader Reid's last chance to pass the Obama agenda. And as mentioned in a previous Citizen Action Project, the appropriations acts may be used to hide things that normally would not survive a floor vote on their own merit, especially gun control measures.

All Americans, but especially gun owners, must remain vigilant to any attempt by Congressional leadership to pass extremist measures under the guise of funding government. Frequent visits to the CCRKBA web site (<http://www.ccrkba.org>) and those of other gun rights advocacy groups will keep you informed. Be prepared to contact your elected officials on short notice to block back door gun control legislation.

HUNDREDS OF ACTIVISTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE ATTENDED THE 25th ANNUAL GUN RIGHTS POLICY CONFERENCE

If there were a number of ideas bringing together this year's participants in the "Saving Freedom" Gun Rights Policy Conference, the hundreds of activists gathered in late September seemed to agree that while strides towards the protection of gun rights have been made in recent years in legislatures and courts, there remains in place a strong anti-gun political and pseudo-intellectual establishment which yet poses a serious threat for the preservation of American freedom and which must be faced, fought and overcome.

About 600 gun rights activists from throughout the United States came together at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport hotel over the last weekend in September for the 25th annual version of GRPC. As in previous years, CCRKBA cosponsored GRPC with the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF).

CCRKBA and SAF opened the conference with a poolside reception on Friday evening which included welcoming remarks from officials of the California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA) and CalGuns Foundation. SAF and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) hosted a similar reception the following evening.

During the formal GRPC sessions, Julianne Versnel, SAF Director of Operations, and Peggy Tartaro, Editor of *Women & Guns*, a SAF publication, and a CCRKBA board member, served as moderators, Versnel on Saturday and Tartaro on Sunday morning.

Mark S. Towber, President of the Golden State Second Amendment Council, led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

John M. Snyder, Founder and President of the St. Gabriel Possenti

Society, Inc., delivered the invocation.

Joseph P. Tartaro, SAF President and Editor of *Gun Week*, a SAF publication, and Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman and SAF Founder, provided an overview of the state of the gun rights battle, with Tartaro discussing the road traveled and Gottlieb discussing the road ahead.

Snyder, also CCRKBA Public Affairs Director and SAF Treasurer, Larry Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America (GOA), and Jeff Knox, Director of The Firearms Coalition, conducted a federal affairs briefing.

Hawaii State Sen. Sam Slom, a SAF Trustee, Tom Pedersen, CRPA Legislative Liaison, Richard Pearson, Executive Director of the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA), and Jim Wallace, Executive Director of the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) of Massachusetts, discussed state legislative affairs during a briefing on that topic.

John R. Lott, Ph.D., author of *More Guns Less Crime*, now in its third edition, and Eugene Volokh, Gary T. Schwartz Professor of Law at UCLA, and publisher of The Volokh Conspiracy weblog, reviewed the necessity of reloading gun rights intellectual ammunition.

Versnel, Gottlieb, William McGrath, Associate Legislative Counsel of Safari Club International, and Sheldon Clare, President of the National Firearms Association in Canada, provided an overview of national sovereignty versus global gun control.

At an awards luncheon hosted by CCRKBA and SAF, former Congressman Bob Barr of Georgia, an NRA Director, and Tom Gresham, host of Gun Talk radio and a CCRKBA board member, delivered keynote addresses.

CCRKBA named awards and des-

ignated recipients. These were Grassroots Organization of the Year, the Arizona Citizens Defense League; Grassroots Activist of the Year, Mark S. Towber; Scholar of the Year, John R. Lott; Journalist of the Year, Malia Zimmerman, Editor of Hawaii Reporter; Affiliate of the Year, the Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA); Gun Rights Defender of the Year, Gene Hoffman, Jr.; Gun Rights Legislator of the Year, U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina; Bill of Rights, Eugene Volokh; Global Leadership, Julianne Versnel; and Lifetime Achievement, Otis McDonald.

SAF Defenders of Liberty awards went to Adam Orlov, Colleen Lawson, and David Lawson.

Alan Gura, who was the lead attorney on the *Heller* and *McDonald* Supreme Court cases, Gene Hoffman, President of the CalGuns Foundation, and Donald Kilmer, a constitutional litigator who is the pro-gun attorney in the *Nordyke* case, conducted a discussion on building pro-gun judicial strategy following the decision in the *McDonald* case.

Massad Ayoob, author, founder of the Lethal Force Institute and the Massad Ayoob Group and a SAF trustee, Bill Caffrey, editorial advisor of the Handgun Club of America, and Alan Korwin, author and President of Bloomfield Press, Inc., comprised a panel discussing the success and failure of concealed carry.

Gary Marbut, MSSA President, Michael Boldin, Director of the Tenth Amendment Center, and Nick Dranias, Legal Director of The Goldwater Institute, discussed

CROSS THE UNITED STATES ATTEND POLICY CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

states rights vs. federalism and the Firearms Freedom Act movement.

Gottlieb, who also is Chairman of the American Political Action Committee, John Fields, CRPA Executive Director, and John Velleco, GOA Legislative Director, presented their analyses of gun rights and the mid-term elections.

Paxton Quigley, firearms trainer and author of *Armed & Female*, Nicki Stallard of Pink Pistols, Timothy Wheeler, M.D., Director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Claremont Institute, and David Theroux, President of the Independent Institute, explored the significance of diversity among pro-gunners.

Joseph Tartaro, Zakariah Johnson, former Chair of Blue Steel Democrats, and Gary Mauser, Professor Emeritus of the Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies at Simon Fraser University, outlined the importance of the progressive right to keep and bear arms movement.

Doug Ritter, Founder and Chairman of KnifeRights.org, Todd Rathner, an NRA Director and KnifeRights.org Director of Legislative Affairs, and Les deAsis, Founder and President of the Benchmade Knife Company, told about knife rights as the second front in the defense of the Second Amendment.

Gresham, Zimmerman, Declan McCullagh, Chief Political Correspondent of C-NET/CBS Interactive, and Don Irvine, President of Accuracy in Media, outlined ways of countering establishment media bias.

David Burnett, President and Public Relations Director of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC), Rick Walker, SCCC Western Regional

Director, and Jim Manley, Staff Attorney of the Mountain States Legal Foundation, discussed the continuing battle for on campus safety.

Dave Workman, Senior Editor of *Gun Week* and CCRKBA Communications Director, Guy Smith, Director of GunFacts.info, and Jim Bass, President of the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center, commented on the battle for places to shoot.

Joe Waldron, CCRKBA Legislative Affairs Director, Andy Allen, President of the Nebraska Firearms Owners Association, and Sean McClanahan, President of the Iowa Firearms Coalition, presented their ideas on girding for the gun rights battles of the future.

McClanahan, Pearson, Genie Jennings, a columnist for *Women & Guns*, Miko Tempski, SAF Legal Affairs Director, and Robert Wiest, a SAF trustee and Tennessee gun rights activist, presented the resolutions committee report.

Gottlieb and Joseph Tartaro wound up the conference with concluding remarks, and announced that next year's GRPC would be held in Chicago.

Funding sources for the San Francisco GRPC included BCN Telcom, Black Hills Ammunition, CalGuns Foundation, Charter Arms, Cobra Arms, DPMS Panther Arms, Franchi, GunBookStore.com, Kahr Arms, KeepAndBearArms.com, Microsoft Gun Club, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Sturm, Ruger & Co., North American Arms, Savage Arms and Smith & Wesson.

In addition, participating organizations included Academics for the Second Amendment, Arizona Rifle & Pistol Association, Association of

New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Buckeye Firearms Association, Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen, Committee for Justice, Defensive Handgun Training LLC, Fifty Caliber Shooters Institute, GeorgiaCarry.org, Golden State Second Amendment Council, Grass Roots North Carolina, Gun Owners Action League of Washington, Gun Owners of California, Gun Owners of New Hampshire, Gun Owners of South Carolina, Hawaii State Rifle & Pistol Association, Houston Gun Collectors Association, IllinoisCarry.com, Independence Institute, Indiana State Rifle & Pistol Association, Kansas State Rifle Association, Kentucky Coalition to Carry Concealed, Kentucky Firearms Foundation, Liberty Watch, Madison Society Foundation, Marylanders for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, MissouriCarry.com, Missouri Concealed Carry, Missouri Sports Shooting Association, Missourians for Personal Safety, National Association of Chiefs of Police, National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, Ohio Gun Collectors Association, Pennsylvania Gun Owners Association, Peoples Rights Organization, Rhode Island Citizens' Rights Action League, Sacramento Valley Shooting, S.A.F.E., Second Amendment Films, Second Amendment Sisters, Shooters Committee on Political Education (SCOPE), Single Action Shooters Society, Small Arms Review, Sportsmen's Association for Firearms Education, Students for the Second Amendment, Texas Concealed Handgun Association, Texas State Rifle Association, Virginia Citizens Defense League, Washington Arms Collectors, and Western Missouri Shooters Alliance.

ARKANSAS CONGRESSMAN THE CCRKBA GUN DEFENDER

Congressman John Boozman of Arkansas has been named the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month for November.

In announcing Rep. Boozman's nomination, John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, noted that, "this Congressman throughout his time here in Washington, D.C. has been a stalwart defender of and articulate promoter of legislation supportive of the individual Second Amendment right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms. Because of his public record and outstanding leadership in the battle to preserve and protect our traditional rights, Rep. Boozman is most deserving of the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award.

"Right now, as we write these words, he is running as a nominated candidate for the United States Senate from his nicknamed Natural State. The outcome of that election will not be known until just before readers receive this issue of Point Blank. Whatever the outcome of that contest, however, we know that Congressman Boozman expects to be serving in the United States House of Representatives through the remaining months of the current Congress. In that capacity, he most likely will be using his considerable legislative skills to help thwart any attempts made by extremist anti-gun Representatives to foist more onerous burdens on the gun rights of law-abiding Americans."

In the current Congress, Rep. Boozman is the chief sponsor of H.R. 1620, the proposed Secure Access to Firearms Enhancement (SAFE) Act of 2009.

This bill, lying in the House Judiciary Committee under the anti-gun chairmanship of Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, would provide for most welcome reciprocity in regard to the manner in which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in that State.

It would provide that, notwithstanding any provision of the law of any State or political subdivision of the State, a person who is not prohibited by federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm, and is carrying a valid license or permit which is issued pursuant to the law of any State and which permits the person to carry a concealed firearm, may carry in any State a concealed firearm in accordance with the terms of the license or permit, subject to the laws of the State in which the firearm is carried concerning specific types of locations in which firearms may not be carried.

Furthermore, SAFE would provide that a person who is not prohibited by federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping or receiving a firearm, and is otherwise than as described in the above paragraph entitled to carry a concealed firearm in and pursuant to the law of the State in which he or she resides, may carry in any State a concealed firearm in accordance with the laws of the State in which the person resides, subject to the laws of the State in which the firearm is carried concerning specific types of locations in which firearms may not be carried.

In addition to his fight for the proposed SAFE Act, which Congressman Boozman says would allow "law-abiding citizens who can legally carry guns in their home state to carry all

across the country," he reports he cosponsored "H.R. 197, the National Right to Carry Reciprocity Act of 2009 which amends the federal criminal code to establish a national standard for carrying a concealed firearm."

He also notes he is "a cosponsor of H.R. 17, the Citizen's Self-Defense Act of 2009 which declares that a person who is not prohibited under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act from receiving a firearm shall have the right to obtain firearms for security and to use firearms in defense of self, family, or home, and for providing the enforcement of such right."

Congressman Boozman states that, "While we must provide the law enforcement community the tools necessary to combat society's criminal element, we must also ensure the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens are not infringed upon. Sportsmen, hunters, gun enthusiasts and citizens concerned for their personal safety have a right to own guns for these legitimate purposes, and I am committed to fighting for these rights."

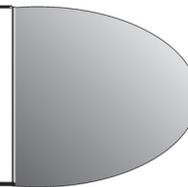
Currently, Rep. Boozman, a successful businessman and life-long resident of Arkansas, is in his fifth term representing his constituents.

Boozman played football for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks while completing his pre-optometry requirements. He graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in 1977 and entered private practice as co-founder of Boozman-Hof Regional Eye Clinic in Rogers, Arkansas.

He is married to the former Cathy Marley. The couple has three daughters.



QUICK SHOTS



In Washington, D.C., Congressman Paul Broun of Georgia and over 35 cosponsors have proposed legislation to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating, based on material composition, any type of firearm ammunition or fishing tackle. The bill, H.R. 6284, has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.



“Guns are a huge part of American culture,” believes Erik Fredericks, store manager of Nick’s Guns in Kennesaw, Georgia, which mandates firearm ownership with limited exceptions. He told Anna Fifield, political correspondent for the *Financial Times*, that, “When America was a frontier country, you needed your gun to put food on the table. Whenever you hear Americans talking about guns, they talk about independence and self-reliance. The Second Amendment is somewhat unique because it places the ultimate option for use of force in the hands of the citizen and not the state.”



“Eradicating the scourge of Mexican drug cartels is not simply a matter of handing Mexican citizens a hundred thousand ArmaLites and a few thousand rounds of ammo each,” wrote Robert Farago, editor of thetruthaboutguns.com, last month in *The Washington Times*. “Even if it were, the Obama administration wouldn’t go there. But it is true that America has a long, noble history

of helping the defenseless defend themselves. If we could pressure the Mexican Defense Ministry to liberalize its firearm licensing policies, even temporarily, we might be able to tip the balance of power away from the cartels and their unconscionable cruelty, toward democracy and the rule of law.”



Last month in Rock Creek, Ohio, a late-evening intruder reportedly was shot in self-defense by an armed homeowner, according to *Self-Defense Examiner* Eric Puryear. “Police say,” wrote Puryear, that “a man attempted to break in to a home” there. “Fearing for his safety, the homeowner reportedly grabbed and fired his self-defense gun, striking the intruder in the leg and ending the attack. A suspect, reportedly identified as 39-year old James Sartor, was taken to a hospital for treatment of his wounds, and was then held at the hospital for a mental evaluation, according to police. Police also reportedly believe that Sartor was the same individual who had been ‘acting strangely’ in the neighborhood earlier that day, prompting multiple 911 calls. Even in the best circumstances, the police are minutes away, while a murder, robbery, home invasion, or other violent crime can take place in just seconds. Luckily, this homeowner had a gun for self-defense, and as a result was able to save himself.”



After the FBI released its National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) figures for September, 2010, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) adjusted figures (770,310) showed a six percent increase over September of last year (726,572). NSSF derived its adjusted data by subtracting out NICS purpose-code permit checks used by several states such as Kentucky and Utah for CCW permit application checks as well as checks on active CCW databases. Though not a direct correlation to firearm sales, the NSSF-adjusted NICS data provide a more accurate picture of current market conditions. In addition to other purposes, NICS is used to check transactions of firearms sales and transfers on new and used handguns and long guns.



In Utah, gun rights advocates are pushing for a new law that would let residents carry loaded, concealed firearms in public without a permit, the *Deseret News* reported last month. The Utah Shooting Sports Council in its newsletter listed a constitutional carry proposal as one of its top priorities for the 2011 Legislature, which convenes in January. The council says permits are “little more than bureaucratic permission slips” to exercise Second Amendment rights. State Rep. Stephen Sandstrom of Orem met with Council members and intends to draft legislation that would render unnecessary state-issued concealed carry permits.

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.

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