

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today marks 461 days since the Department of the Interior received the [VCDL Petition](#) for rule making to decriminalize self defense in National Parks. As many of you already know, the petition would amend the National Parks rules to align them with the law of the state where the park resides with regard to weapons. The current regulations prohibit off duty law enforcement officer and other citizens from bearing arms or defending themselves without the threat of criminal prosecution.

461 days is 3 times longer than the Constitutional Convention, 3 times longer than Congress debated the Bill of Rights and 2 1/3 times longer than it took for the requisite 9 states to ratify the Constitution. Our founding fathers managed to build a nation, and craft a system of checks and balances that is the role model of civilization everywhere in far less time that DOI has held up the VCDL petition which amounts to a rule change of perhaps 4 sentences.

Many in Congress today were elected proclaiming they were "strong supporters of the Second Amendment" but currently the only person on Capitol Hill speaking about the Second Amendment is Congressman Jim Moran! Of course he is always at odds with the Second Amendment but he is the only one talking about "Second Amendment" issues. That is just wrong.

The powerful words "I strongly support the Second Amendment" now need to be acted upon and now is the time. The Department of the Interior needs to publish the VCDL Petition and implement the common sense changes with immediacy. Further delay is simply not justifiable - The Founders built a nation in half the time that DOI has stalled respecting the rights of the citizens. If DOI needs "help" then Congress should by all means "help" the Department. If legislation is needed to address this problem, then the time for that legislation is now. This is simple and easy problem to fix with so many supporters of the Second Amendment.

Please help the over 1 million Petitioners, other supporting Citizens and off duty law enforcement officers by helping DOI in whatever means are required to either get VCDL's petition published, or fix the issue once and for all by passing legislation to decriminalize self defense that would be lawful practically anywhere else in the United States.

Best regards,

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[Helping to end the National Parks
Ban on Self Defense!](#)

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