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From: Legal works [mpoweru@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2006 10:59 PM
To: 'Dave '
Subject: RE: firearms issues

Dear Dave:

I think you make some excellent points here:

My guess is that -- like the National Park Ban issue -- the only person who could answer this question would be Jim Webb himself, and that he would need to be briefed by the head of his research staff.

As you might imagine, with only a few days before the election, Jim and the entire campaign staff are focused almost exclusively on the logistics of getting out the vote right now. I am still somewhat amazed that I was able to get an answer for you all on the National Park Ban last week: with hundreds of requests for Jim's positions on issues pending, the fact that we got a letter from the candidate at this late date is mostly a reflection of Secretary Webb's own passionate feelings about these issues, that the NRA appears to have deliberately jerked Secretary Webb around, and that by happenstance, Jim Kirkman and I were able to make ourselves a pain in the butt at just the right time.

So with terrible doubts that this query is going to make it through the process by next Tuesday, I am nevertheless going to send it to the people in the campaign who would have handled this before the "get out the vote" operation went into full gear.

If I do get a response, I will let you know ASAP. If I don't, please understand that it is not any reflection on the importance of the issue, but that everybody at HQ, their families, their friends, and their friends pets :) are focused on making sure that our voters physically get to the polls.

If (as is most likely) we don't get a response, I would suggest that you make the inquiry again after Jim is (lord willing) elected, and just as soon as he hires his legislative office staff. I would especially appreciate it if you could keep me informed of this issue: my guess is that you are likely to

(I once ran into a problem myself with police at an airport away from home once over --if you can believe it -- a very antique hunting rifle!)

Please remember that most of those young men and women who are working for Jim now will be out of a job in two weeks, and unless what is said actually gets to the candidate, it could be lost.

This issue is way too important to let slip through the cracks during the Jim's transition from candidate to senator. Please keep me informed of any correspondence you may get -- or send -- on this, as I too would like to follow through.

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Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2006 5:02 PM
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Subject: firearms issues

Greetings Marc,

You were at the most recent VCDL meeting and I am writing to see if you can get an answer to some firearms questions for me.

I have been working with Senator Allen's office to repeal the National Park Service ban on firearms for citizens and off duty law enforcement. I have maintained a log of progress in this effort on the internet at <http://www.bighammer.net/timeline.html>

As you have previously noted, Mr. Webb has indicated that he would support efforts to compel state reciprocity for permit holders, and repeal the National Parks ban on firearms. This puts the issue of firearms on an even keel between Mr. Webb and Senator Allen. I am simply raising the question to both candidates concerning Title 18, section 922 if I remember correctly, but it is commonly referred to as the "Firearms Owners Protection Act" or FOPA.

In 1986, after a string of abuses, Congress enacted FOPA and it accomplished 2 things, 1 good, 1 bad. The intended effect was to make it clear on a Federal, and thus supreme to state law level that a law abiding citizen, transporting a firearm unloaded and cased from a state where it is legal, to a state where it is legal, is then exempt from prosecution for that firearm's transport through the states toward the destination. There was also an amendment stuck on the act at the last moment, section 922(O) which restricted registered and transferable machine gun manufacture to government entities only.

The problem is that New York City likes to play "gotcha" with citizens otherwise lawfully transporting firearms, such as in checked baggage at the airport due to their restrictive "permit to possess" which a traveler or non resident may not get. Thus, if your flight is diverted to New York, if you have a firearm in checked baggage, you could become a felon. The issue on machine guns is silly. It is legal to have, own and keep a machine gun provided it is registered, and the transfer tax paid to BATFE. There are hundreds of thousands of legal machine guns in the hands of citizens today, and to the best of my knowledge not 1 legally transferred machine gun has ever been used in a crime by a citizen since 1934.

The direct question is will Mr. Webb agree to revisit the 'Firearms Owners Protection Act' to allow citizens to transport cased unloaded firearms through the states without being prosecuted by anti gun jurisdictions like New York City and repeal the 'government only' restriction on the manufacture of title 2 firearms/machine guns', transferable to citizens who pass the background checks and pay the transfer tax?

I am also asking this same question to Senator Allen's staff. I am asking this without bias, and cognizant of both Senator Allen's enormous help with the National Parks issue and S3275 among other supporting votes, as well as candidate Webb's own published NRA survey and other pro firearm owner stands. Any response I receive will ACCURATELY, and fairly be posted on my website.

Thank you very much, I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Dave

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