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Subject: VCDL Petition for Rulemaking re: guns in National Parks

Brendan:

Great meeting you on Monday at the FCPS School Board meeting reviewing their draft state legislative agenda for 2006.

Here is the link for more information on the PRM we have pending before the NPS to assimilate state gun laws into National Parks just as the Forest Service has done for a long time: www.VCDL.org (scroll down to "**VCDL Leading The Fight For National Park Carry**")

We are particularly concerned, given the high crime rates in National Parks, that current federal regulations (Rule 2.4) make it unlawful (without any practical notice to the citizen) to carry handguns on commuter routes like the George Washington Parkway, and in remote areas while hiking or camping where "911 services" are nonexistent.

As a practical matter in VA and most states, adoption of our recommendations in the PRM would simply mean that concealed handgun permit holders could carry handguns in National Parks. This is a pro-federalism PRM - states get to "call the shots."

I would like to set up a meeting with Congressman Wolf's office to discuss the PRM and seek assistance. As I mentioned, while only VCDL President Philip van Cleave speaks for VCDL, the Petition speaks for itself and VCDL member Dave Yates has been informally managing an effort to seek assistance from the Virginia Congressional delegation in this matter.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if setting up a meeting might be possible.

Thanks!

Mike *****