

121205LettertoPeterson

From: Rick ***** [shutter+@pitt.edu]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 4:16 PM
To: jeffrey.vorberger@mail.house.gov
Subject: National Park concealed carry regulation amendment

Hello Jeffrey,

It's been a while since we last spoke and I hope you've gotten some constituent calls regarding amending National Park regulation 36CFR 2.4. The PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs will be voting on our club's resolution at their forthcoming spring convention. I will be working on generating some attention to that matter before the meeting. The Federation represents thousands of PA residents across the state and I am confident they will agree to support this resolution. Our club recently submitted a similar proposal regarding PA State Parks and it was overwhelmingly approved at the Federation's fall meeting.

Dave ***** , VA Citizens Defense League Executive Member, and I have been broadening Congressional interest in our efforts. So far we've done well and have a group of legislators who have committed their support and have contacted Interior Secretary Gale Norton to ask her to amend 36CFR 2.4. Dave has created a web page that meticulously documents the timeline of this effort. You can get to it at:
<http://www.bighammer.net/pages/24/index.htm>

I have been trying to get the Congressional representatives from Pennsylvania to get involved on behalf of Pennsylvania citizens and contact Secretary Norton to ask her to amend this regulation. I have been working with Sen. Santorum's aide and the he feels the Senator will lend his support. We think our request is very fair and reasonable, as no one gets anything "free," so to speak. If you don't have a concealed carry permit valid in the state in which the National Park resides you can't carry a firearm in the park. Very simple.

However, we have been getting nothing but stonewalling from the Interior Department and the Park Service. It has been nearly a year since the VA Citizens Defense League submitted the Petition for Rule Making, viewable at: http://www.vcdl.org/new/Petition_for_Rulemaking.pdf and our Petition has been completely ignored. This petition represents more than two million co-signers across the country

I know I am not a "residential" constituent of Congressman Peterson's but I am a Pennsylvania citizen. I, and the Johnstown Rifle and Pistol Club, hope Congressman Peterson might see the reasonableness of our request and become involved. As I mentioned, I will be contacting other Pennsylvania co-petitioner groups and urging Congressman Peterson's constituents to contact him to ask for his help. I hope you might be able to bring this matter to his attention since it does affect all Pennsylvanians, not just those from Congressman Peterson's district.

Thanks very much for your time and interest in our work. If there is any additional information I can provide you please let me know and I will do so.

Rick *****