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From: Kristin Elder [KElder@georgeallen.com]  
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 9:55 PM  
To: Dave  
Cc: Cassidy, Keith (Allen)  
Subject: RE: Firearms issues

Attachments: VCDL.pdf

Actually, here is the letter to the VCDL. I just sent it to Phil Van Cleave as well.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristin Elder  
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 9:24 PM  
To: 'Dave Yates'  
Cc: 'Cassidy, Keith (Allen)'  
Subject: RE: Firearms issues

Dave -

I wanted to forward along to you the attached letter Senator Allen sent today to the VGOC that I know will be of interest to you.

Thanks,  
Kristin

-----Original Message-----

From: redacted@bighammer.net]  
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 10:36 PM  
To: Kristin Elder  
Cc: 'Money, Jason (Allen)'  
Subject: RE: Firearms issues

Thanks. The sooner the better. I know that this is a topic of much discussion among the higher levels at VCDL. To be fair, I'm trying to be non partisan in asking these questions and obtaining the answers. As soon as I have a read on this from either campaign, or both I will update VCDL leadership so that the members have an accurate accounting.

Once again, thanks for the response.

Dave

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristin Elder [mailto:KElder@georgeallen.com]  
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 8:00 PM  
To: Dave Yates  
Cc: Money, Jason (Allen)  
Subject: RE: Firearms issues

Dave -

Thanks so much for this information. I discussed this with Keith, who I know you have worked with on previous matters. This issue would actually be handled by Jason Money in our office, who I have cc'ed on this email. We have discussed this briefly and Jason will follow-up with you. Feel free to email Jason directly (Jason\_Money@allen.senate.gov). Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Elder

-----Original Message-----

From: redacteddave@bighammer.net  
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2006 3:33 PM  
To: Kristin Elder  
Subject: Firearms issues

Greetings,

I am following up our 11/02/06 phone call as you requested.

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I have been working with the Senator'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 I mentioned on the phone, 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 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 Senator Allen agree to revisit the 'Firearms Owners Protection Act' to allow citizen 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?

Also, as I mentioned, I am asking this same question to Mr. Webb'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. 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,

David

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