

REPUBLICAN RADIO AD PRESSURES CASEY ON GUNS AND GORSUCH

The National Republican Senatorial Committee has aired its first Pennsylvania ad in the election cycle, putting pressure on Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) to support the Second Amendment, according to a report on www.politicspa.com.

The ad urges him to part with “anti-gun liberals” and to support Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, a patriot who believes in Second Amendment rights. “If Bob Casey stands with the anti-gun liberals threatening to block Judge Neil Gorsuch’s confirmation to the Supreme Court, Pennsylvania voters will send someone to Washington who will have their backs,” NRSC spokesman Bob Salera said in the release about the ad. Casey has not said how he will vote on the Gorsuch nomination.

“I will thoroughly review Judge Gorsuch’s record, particularly his appellate decisions and his answers to questions during the hearing and those submitted in writing afterward,” Casey said in a statement after Gorsuch’s nomination was announced, according to the www.politicspa.com write-up.

It may be worth noting, however, that Casey opposed President Trump’s Executive Order that put a temporary halt on Islamic terrorists trying to enter the U.S. through bogus “refugee” and other programs.

In fact in a press release, Casey ignored the record number of planned terrorist attacks, and violent crimes committed by these Islamic “refugees,” and instead falsely claimed that “This reported



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executive action appears to be driven by politics and discrimination, not by recommendations from national security professionals.”

The ad admonishing Casey to respect our Second Amendment rights aired on Harrisburg-area radio during the recent Great American Outdoor Show, according to the politicspa.com report.

“Our rights are at risk at the Supreme Court. That’s why it’s urgent that our Senators approve President Trump’s choice for Supreme Court, Judge Neil Gorsuch,” the narrator of the ad says. The ad goes on to urge Pennsylvanians to call Casey’s office and “tell him to support Judge Gorsuch.

<http://www.politicspa.com/nrsc-pressures-casey-on-guns-and-gorsuch-with-radio-ad/81475/>

TWO ONLINE PETITIONS THAT EVERY PA GUN OWNER SHOULD SIGN

Your personal data is completely safe and secure with two petitions that are built and managed by PA4SP's Legislative Director.

The first is federal legislation, an issue that President Trump ran on called National Reciprocity. It would require that all states that allow concealed carry recognize licenses from all other states that do.

This makes perfect sense. Your marriage license, which issued by a state is recognized in all others. Your driver's license, which issued by a state is recognized in all others. But your carry license, issued by a state is recognized by only some, and that list can change on a moment's notice.

Please sign the petition at PA4SP.org/hr38.

The second petition is to fix a very serious flaw in our Castle Doctrine. Did you know that our stand-your-ground law is conditional, and not universal? It applies within your home or your vehicle, but not necessarily anywhere else.

For example, you can be in an isolated parking lot late at night where you are approached by perhaps three males who most certainly are about to assault you. Even if you order them to stop and they keep coming toward you, under current law, you must retreat and cannot "stand-your-ground" unless they display a lethal weapon. 18 Pa.C.S. 505(b)2.3

The smart thugs know this and keep coming, saying things like "we just want help with our car". Meanwhile you cannot use deadly force to defend yourself. Once they are within 21

feet, you no longer have time to draw and fire, so they launch their attack.

PA House Bill 167 which was introduced by Rep. Rick Saccone (who also happens to be running for Senator Bob Casey's seat) fixes this, and equates a disparity of force to that of displaying a lethal weapon, thereby protecting the most vulnerable among us, namely women, seniors and the disabled.

Sign the HB167 petition. Visit PA4SP.org/hb167

DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVE PUSHES SNEAKY BILL TO LIMIT 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Under the guise of protecting animals, Democrat State Representative Madeleine Dean (D-153) recently circulated a memo to all members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives asking for co-sponsorship on legislation that would prohibit the trade of legal ivory and ivory products in the state of Pennsylvania, according to a bulletin from the NRA-ILA (Institute for Legislative Action).

It sounds innocent enough, but the move could severely cramp our Second amendment rights, according to the NRA-ILA. Similar to one sent out two years ago, this proposal would prohibit the sale, importation, purchase, barter or possession with intent to sell legal, antique ivory and ivory products in the Commonwealth – making any lawfully-owned product that contains ivory worthless.

"The primary advocate of this legislation, the Humane Society of the United States, would have you believe that this is a sound approach for stopping ivory poaching and trafficking;

however, this is a misguided proposal that targets firearms collectors, sportsmen and other antique ivory owners of Pennsylvania,” the NRA-ILA notes. “Historically, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has taken the position that nearly all ivory in the U.S. has been legally imported and that its sale in the United States did not contribute to the illegal ivory trade. American collectors, hunters, and recreational shooters have legally purchased firearms that have incorporated ivory features for decades. These include some of America’s most historically-significant and collectible guns.”

The proposed ivory ban would create strict and unnecessary restrictions that wouldn’t prevent the poaching of elephants, “but will instead hurt law-abiding Pennsylvanians who have legally acquired ivory products.”

For example, it would become illegal for small antique business owners and antique gun collectors to buy and sell many antique products containing legal ivory. The exceptions for buying and selling antique products containing ivory, such as musical instruments, jewelry, furniture pieces, guns and other valuable collectibles are limited.

“Under this legislation, purchasing and selling ivory or ivory products would become a misdemeanor of the second degree and would set unreasonable fines of \$1,000 or more,” the NRA-ILA reports. “Law-abiding citizens who have no part in elephant and rhinoceros poaching would potentially become criminals overnight by unknowingly selling products containing ivory.”

www.nraila.org/articles/20170210/pennsylvania-re-introduced-ivory-ban-proposal-targets-gun-owners-and-sportsmen

REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE TOPPER TO HOST CONCEAL CARRY SEMINAR ON MARCH 2

In an effort to better inform gun owners who live in the 78th District about Pennsylvania’s firearm laws, state Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton) announced he will host a Concealed Carry Seminar at the American Legion Post 561, 411 N. 5th St. in McConnellsburg, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2.

“Gun owners will learn more about their rights during this seminar,” Topper said, in a press release. “The speakers, which include a member of the law enforcement community, have a firm grasp of our laws and will do an excellent job explaining them.”

Fulton County District Attorney Travis Kendall will provide information about concealed carry laws. Fulton County Sheriff Keith Stains will discuss how to safely interact with law enforcement officers when carrying a firearm.

“I appreciate the time being taken by our law enforcement officials to help educate residents,” Topper said. “There are a lot of misconceptions about Pennsylvania’s concealed carry laws, and the purpose of this seminar is to present the facts to the people.”

Advanced registration is encouraged. Those with questions, or to register, should contact Topper’s office at (717) 485-4430, or go to RepTopper.com and click on “Concealed Carry Seminar” to fill out a registration form.

<http://www.reptopper.com/NewsItem.aspx?NewsID=266071>

PA. REPUBLICANS PUSH TO REVERSE OBAMA LAW LIMITING 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

An effort to repeal a last-minute Obama administration regulation involving firearm purchases by "mentally deficient" Social Security recipients is gaining steam in Congress, thanks in part to the support it's received from Pennsylvania Republican lawmakers thus far, according to a www.pennlive.com article.

"It is excessively broad in that you qualify as a 'mental deficient' -- according to the Social Security administration's list of things that are qualifying -- for everything down to bulimia," said Tim Murtaugh, a spokesman with Congressman Lou Barletta's office. "It can include anxiety and excessive compulsive disorder, it can include bulimia, and so if you are receiving benefits because of that, your name is automatically added to this list."

Cong. Lou Barletta (R-PA-11) was one of 13 Republican congressional delegates from Pennsylvania to vote in favor of overturning the rule during a Feb. 2 House vote (235-180). Meanwhile, no surprise, all five Pennsylvania House Democrats voted against rescinding the measure. The measure is now headed to a vote before the Senate, notes the article.

The "stab-in-the-back" Obama rule -- set to fully take effect this December -- would have required the Social Security Administration to report people who receive disability benefits and have a mental health condition to the FBI's firearm background check system.

Patriots were quick to seize on the measure as an extrajudicial process, a constitutional violation, a "back-door gun-grab" pushed

through by Obama in the waning days of his presidency, or all three. Its opponents have included the ACLU, NRA and a host of disability advocacy groups as well, something critics say validates their concerns.

In fact, concerns about terrorist attacks, violent crime and gun rights have led to a massive increase in the number of guns acquired by Pennsylvanians in 2016 compared to a decade earlier, experts added.

Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-PA-12), one of the 13 Pennsylvania House Republicans to vote "yes" on repealing Obama's gun-grab measure, explained his vote this way: "While we all want to ensure that guns stay out of the hands of those who pose a danger to society, this wide-ranging rule would hurt competent and law-abiding Americans. ... This is not just about the Second Amendment; it's about respecting all Americans, regardless of their disabilities."

Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA-18), whose online bio refers to him as "The only practicing psychologist in elected federal government," provided a similar justification.

"As a psychologist, I understand and am in full support of ensuring that someone who suffers from serious mental illness and has demonstrated risk for violence should not have access to a firearm. However, the regulation passed yesterday in the House did not address that issue," Murphy said in a statement dated Feb. 3, according to the pennlive.com article.

Murphy continued: "Yesterday, the House passed a regulation which had nothing to do with gun rights and everything to do with federal bureaucrats suddenly being deemed to have the expertise and authority to render a medical diagnosis. ... I stand in full support of

my vote to stop federal bureaucrats from labeling individuals as 'mentally defective,' and urge my colleagues in the Senate to vote to overturn this rule immediately."

Fundamental to the Obama rule's congressional opposition is its perceived overreach and consolidation or misplacement of federal power.

"The administration gave Social Security employees with no training, no certification and no license to practice the same power and authority as a mental health professional who spends years studying and training in the field," Rep. Murphy said. "Such diagnoses of incompetency and involuntary commitment are to be done by mental health professionals, not federal bureaucrats."

For critics like Murphy, there is also the issue of the rule's apparent limiting of the Second Amendment rights of people receiving disability benefits and its ability to do so "without going through an additional legal process to establish their impairment."

Rep. Barletta picked it up there.

"Once a person's name is sent to [the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System], the individual may only seek relief through the agency's appeals process," Barletta said. "This puts citizens in the position of having to prove they are not threats to public safety after they already have been deprived of their rights."

It's not yet clear when the resolution might go before the Senate for a vote. But if it is overturned there as predicted, the expectation is that President Trump will support the

reversal given his support for the NRA and Second Amendment rights.

http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/02/congress_set_to_undo_obamas_la.html

MEMORIZE THESE SAFETY RULES

1. Always treat all guns as though they are loaded
2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it

QUOTABLE QUOTES

I've met many people who were quick to point a finger, but few who cared enough to lift one – runnin'87 (officer.com)

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US Constitution 2nd Amendment

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

PA Constitution Article 1 Section 21

"The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."
