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Second Amendment Update



## Hunter Shows Strong Support for 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights

As a gun owner and outdoor enthusiast, Congressman Hunter is a strong proponent of the Second Amendment. He continues leading efforts with his colleagues to ensure the right to safely and responsibly carry a firearm is protected.

Among other efforts, Congressman Hunter is supporting the following bills in the House of Representatives:

**H.R. 197** – Permits licensed individuals to carry a concealed firearm across state-lines;

**H.R. 1074** – Revises outdated restrictions on interstate firearm business, including restrictions on out-of-state purchases;

**H.R. 422** – Provides a 90 day amnesty period for veterans to register firearms acquired overseas.

## Hunter Supports Amicus Brief for Supreme Court Gun Case...

Following the Supreme Court decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, which invalidated Washington D.C.'s restrictions on handgun possession, it was announced that the Court would consider a similar case, *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, this spring.

Since the ruling in *Heller* applied only to federal jurisdictions, such as Washington D.C., the Court will now consider its application to the States under *McDonald*. The case is expected to address the basis for Second Amendment protection to States through the Due Process clause and the Privileges and Immunities clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

***“The Second Amendment is deeply rooted in our nation’s history and tradition. Ensuring it’s protected for future generations, whether for purposes of protection or outdoor recreation, is among my top priorities.”***

– Rep. Duncan Hunter

The ruling in *McDonald* will have major implications for the legality of restrictive gun laws in cities and states nationwide. Recognizing these implications, Congressman Hunter was joined by several other Members of Congress in supporting an amicus curiae (“friend of the court”) brief stating support for the Second Amendment and its application to the States.

Congressman Hunter is hopeful that the Court will reach the conclusion that the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment clearly applies the Second Amendment to the States. The Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments on March 2, 2010.

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