



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA
House District 19, State Representative

YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS AT RISK?

Dear Citizens of House District 19,

THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!

Many citizens of House District 19 continue to express their concerns to me about the relentless attack on our second amendment rights. As your Representative, I witnessed this attack first hand this year at the legislature.

I will give you an example of these attacks by highlighting two bills that were voted on by the General Assembly this year. One bill that passed by ONE VOTE, and another bill that failed by ONE VOTE. The first bill, House Bill 1174, a bill that I voted against, extends the repeal of the statewide database for persons holding a carry-concealed handgun permit to 2011. The second bill, House Bill 1011, a bill that I co-sponsored, tried to expand our current "Make My Day" law to allow a person to use a firearm at a place of business or in vehicle to protect themselves if an intruder was using deadly force, or if death or serious bodily injury was imminent.

Our county sheriff has the authority to issue a citizen a permit to carry a concealed handgun if the appropriate training and back ground check is conducted and there are NO serious convictions on the applicants record. This "carry concealed weapon" permit allows law-abiding citizens to carry a small firearm for protection if necessary. It has been reported to me that names of law-abiding citizen who have the carry concealed weapons permits are currently included in a database maintained by the CBI. Unfortunately, this database also includes criminals and those wanted for outstanding warrants. Consequently, many law-abiding citizens with concealed handgun permits are sometimes harassed by law enforcement.

Now, with the passage of House Bill 1174 the repeal date of the Colorado Bureau of Investigations "Carry Concealed Weapons" database is extended to 2011. If this bill had not passed, the repeal of this database was scheduled to occur this year. I do not believe law-abiding citizens should be required to be on ANY DATABASE in order to protect themselves against an intruder who plans on using deadly force against them! This bill passed by ONE VOTE in the Senate Judiciary Committee ONE VOTE that requires law-abiding citizens to be put on the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) database with criminals.

My promise was to promote and protect our second amendment rights. House Bill 1011, a bill I was proud to co-sponsor, would have allowed a law abiding citizen to protect themselves with a firearm in a place of business or in a vehicle. If House Bill 1011 had been passed by the General Assembly, citizens would now have the right to protect themselves with a firearm in their homes, businesses and vehicles if an intruder was intent on using deadly physical force upon entering the property. Colorado Revised Statutes 18-1-704.5 currently states that a citizen of Colorado has the right to expect absolute safety within their HOMES. House Bill 1011 would have expanded that right to safety to include DWELLINGS AND PLACES OF BUSINESSES.

Remember when Larry Lindsay was robbed at gunpoint and used his gun to defend himself? He was prosecuted for protecting himself with a firearm in his place of business. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!

House Bill 1011 passed by ONE VOTE out of the Colorado House of Representatives, however it died in the Senate by ONE VOTE.

Yes, ONE VOTE was all it took to PROHIBIT you, your family and co-workers from protecting yourself against deadly force at a place of business or in your car!

ONE VOTE was all it took to strip you of your second amendment rights in Colorado!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION THAT ONE VOTE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

Please feel free to call me at 719-238-5600 or email me at MarshaLooper@hughes.net if you have any questions or comments regarding this or any other issues.

Respectfully,

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