

LOU BARLETTA

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Protecting Your Freedoms

Barletta Vigilant in Defense of Second Amendment

"As a gun owner, recreational shooter, and an NRA member, I understand the meaning and significance of the Second Amendment. I believe in an individual's right to keep, own, and use firearms.

"This is incredibly important issue to me. It is my belief that our forefathers were very clear in their intentions when they framed the Second Amendment. They declared that each individual has a constitutionally protected absolute right to firearms, which is obviously extended to ammunition and firearm accessories.

"Gun control advocates believe that the best way to stop crime is to limit your rights. I could not disagree more.

"As your Congressman, I will fight to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens on every front. I will always vote to protect and support your right to own and use firearms, including the protection of gun shows, hunting, and other conservation efforts; reciprocity for concealed-carry permit holders; range protection; and the ability to defend yourself, your family, and your property.

"I will always be vigilant in the defense of the Second Amendment."

-Mayor Lou Barletta

- **PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS**

I believe that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees an absolute individual right to keep, own, and use firearms.

If I am fortunate enough to represent you in Washington as your Congressman, I give you my word that I will fight every attempt to register, ban, or limit the purchase of firearms, magazines, or ammunition.

- **RECOGNITION OF YOUR RIGHTS**

Your constitutional rights should not start or end when you cross state lines. I support national Right-to-Carry reciprocity legislation that will allow a person to carry firearms for self-defense while traveling throughout the United States if he or she is licensed to carry a firearm by any state.

- **PROTECTING OUR HUNTING HERITAGE**

Millions of acres of public land provide the only hunting opportunities to Americans. In order to protect this land and our hunting heritage, we must establish a policy of No Net Loss of public hunting land. If land use patterns, urban growth, or land management decisions force the limitation of access or closure of public lands to hunting the federal government should compensate sportsman by opening new hunting opportunities elsewhere on the same acreage.

- **STATEMENT ON MCDONALD V. CHICAGO**

"As a gun owner and member of the NRA, I'm pleased at today's Supreme Court ruling in the case of *McDonald v. Chicago*. This decision affirms that the Second Amendment right to bear arms is a protected right that state and local governments cannot infringe upon. In an era that has seen the rapid expansion of our government, it's heartening to see big government reined in a bit, particularly in an area of constitutional freedom."

- **STATEMENT ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA V. HELLER**

"As a gun owner and as an American I believe today is a great day for the Second Amendment and a great for all of America. This was the proper decision."

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