



March 14, 2012

Senator Harry Reid
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Reid,

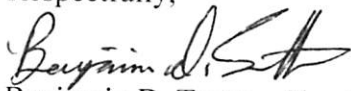
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I am writing to encourage you to support H.R.822 which passed the United States House of Representatives and has recently been introduced to the United States Senate. This bill allows for reciprocity for concealed weapons permit holders across the United States and, I believe, goes a long ways towards securing our 2nd Amendment rights which seem to be perpetually under attack these days.

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When I took office I swore the Oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, a document that, I am embarrassed to say, is considered outdated and useless by many in our country today. I believe supporting this bill is a mandatory facet of my sworn duty. I thank you again for your service.

Respectfully,


Benjamin D. Trotter, Sheriff



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Senator Dean Heller
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

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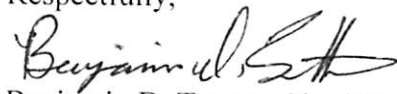
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