



Arlington- Fairfax Chapter members,

Changes in the state legislature following the last election have placed Virginia gun owners and sportspersons on uncertain ground. Bills already pre-filed and statements from the governor and his allies make it clear that they intend ban many of the firearms that we shoot here at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, not just rifles, but handguns that hold standard capacity magazines of more than ten rounds. Bills that they have already proposed go farther anything that California or New Jersey has already enacted. This is an all-out assault on our Second Amendment rights with legislation that is broad, far-reaching, and indiscriminate. In this climate, it's not unreasonable to expect that their attacks will also extend to the places where we shoot – places like the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter.

The Chapter's non-profit status limits its engagement in lobbying and political action. For this reason, the Chapter has for many years been an Affiliate of the Virginia Shooting Sports Association. Over the years a number of Chapter members have served as VSSA Officers and Directors. Working together and with other entities around the Commonwealth, this team has championed many of the legislative measures that have allowed our facility and others to continue to operate in the midst of "urban sprawl".

VSSA was founded in 1938 and is the official state affiliate association for the National Rifle Association. Our mission is to provide shooting opportunities for, and to protect the Second Amendment rights of, all law-abiding Virginians. VSSA supports many shooting disciplines including junior air rifle, shotgun, pistol and high-power rifle. We also promote hunting, and as part of our legislative efforts work to protect all shooting sports from the anti-gun and anti-hunting factions. In partnership with the Chapter, VSSA annually sponsors Crush'n Clays, one of the nation's most successful charity shooting events, with proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. VSSA is also the only statewide Second Amendment organization with a full-time professional lobbyist in Richmond whenever the legislature is in session.

Right now we need you to join the fight. There is only one thing standing between the anti-gun agenda and the preservation of our rights – you. We invite you to join with us and become a VSSA member. As a VSSA member not only will you help ensure that the shooting sports are being passed to the next generation, you will be on the front lines of the battle to protect and defend our Second Amendment rights. You can join on our website www.myvssa.org and there are membership brochures/applications in the Field House and at the individual ranges.

Remember, if the anti-gun agenda is implemented it won't just affect the other guy – it will affect us all.

Joe Turner

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Virginia Shooting Sports Association