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Dear Subscriber,

The U.S. Senate has **overwhelmingly passed Senate Amendment 2366**, which would **end the complete gun prohibition on Amtrak trains**. The vote was **68-30**.

Senator ROGER F. WICKER (R-MS) offered the amendment **to allow law-abiding gun owners to safely and legally transport firearms when they travel on Amtrak**.

WICKER's measure amended H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development 2010 Appropriations bill. **It must now be reconciled with the House-passed bill**, which does not contain the Wicker amendment.

The Senate has insisted on the WICKER amendment, has asked for a House-Senate conference, and appointed 22 conferees led by **Senator PATTY MURRAY (D-WA)**.

Senator MURRAY has once again demonstrated her disdain for gun owners and their rights by **opposing the WICKER amendment**, reported the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA).

"Patty Murray evidently has a short memory span," said a CCRKBA news release. "Has she already forgotten what happened to her friend, Seattle Mayor GREG NICKELS, in the primary election because of his extremist anti-gun philosophy?"

"Also, she surely knows about the primary election results in New York City, where **anti-gunner RICHARD ABORN came in last in a three-way race** for Manhattan prosecutor by **running on his gun control record**." Current Amtrak regulations prohibit firearms in both checked and carry-on baggage. Sportsmen who wish to use an Amtrak train for a hunting trip, therefore, cannot include a shotgun even in their checked luggage.

Likewise, travelers who have a permit to carry a concealed firearm **cannot include a self-defense firearm in their checked luggage**, even if they are allowed to carry in **both the states of origin and destination**, said CCRKBA.

But if such travelers were to take the trip by air, they could check a gun onto the aircraft by simply declaring the firearm and transporting it in a prescribed manner.

"This is no different than flying with firearms," CCRKBA noted, "and people do that every day."

Of course, very few people use Amtrak – and **many question why that entity receives any tax payer money**.

Regardless, CCRKBA said that a transportation entity that receives billions of federal taxpayer dollars **should not be allowed to prevent law-abiding citizens from hunting or defending themselves** when they travel on vacation or personal business.

Newly released data from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) shows that **background checks on the sale of firearms were up 12.3 percent in August**.

A total of 1,074,757 checks were reported for the month, **up from 956,872** in August 2008. FBI NICS background checks are required under federal law for all individuals purchasing either newly manufactured or used firearms from federally licensed retailers. Checks serve as **a gauge of sales but do not reflect the actual number of firearms produced or sold**.

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**AT THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

CALIFORNIA AWASH IN ANTI-GUN ACTIVITY

The Senate has given final approval to Senate Bill 585 by a 21-18 vote. Introduced by State Senator Mark Leno (D-3), SB585 would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition on the property or inside the buildings that make up the Cow Palace in Daly City, just outside of San Francisco.

It now heads to the desk of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) for signing.

The Senate also passed Assembly Bill 962 by a 21-18 vote. It now returns to the Assembly for concurrence.

AB962 was amended by the Senate in an effort to make the bill easier to pass.

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The Senate removed a requirement that ammunition retailers be licensed to sell ammunition. In addition, it would no longer prohibit the private transfer of more than 50 rounds of ammunition during a 30 day period.

Despite these changes to the bill, AB962 still represents a dire threat to the public's ability to exercise its Second Amendment rights. Ammunition retailers would still have to store ammunition so it would be inaccessible to purchasers.

The bill still requires that individuals purchasing ammunition be fingerprinted at the time of sale, mandates that dealers keep these records and make them available for inspection by the Department of Justice. Finally, mail order ammunition sales are still prohibited under AB962.

MICHIGAN LAWMAKER PROPOSES CONCEALED CARRY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Michigan Sen. Randy Richardville (R-Monroe) has proposed a change to Michigan law to allow permit holders to carry concealed weapons on college campuses.

Currently, the open carry of weapons is permitted anywhere, so long as the owner has a license to own the gun. Concealed carry is prohibited in churches, sports arenas, taverns, hospitals, casinos, day cares and college campuses including dorms and classrooms, according to the Michigan State Police.

Richardville would like to amend the law to remove the clause prohibiting the carry of concealed weapons on college campuses, saying it would make campuses safer if students were prepared to defend themselves.

TENNESSEE TOLD FEDERAL GUN LAWS TRUMP STATE LAW

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has told Tennessee gun dealers to disregard a state statute that exempts firearms made and sold inside Tennessee from federal gun laws and registration.

The ATF says the federal laws still apply regardless of the state's move. The Tennessee legislature overwhelmingly passed the "Tennessee Firearms Freedom Act" - 87-1 in the House and 22-7 in the Senate - despite warnings by some lawmakers that it could subject Tennessee citizens to federal prosecution and imprisonment.

SEATTLE MAYOR ASKING TO BECOME "TWO-TIME LOSER" WITH GUN BAN

The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) has renewed its pledge to sue lame-duck Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels if he imposes a proposed rule to ban legally-carried firearms in city Parks and Recreations Department facilities.

The proposed rule brought a quick retort from SAF, saying it would violate Washington State's long-standing firearms preemption statute. "This must be Greg Nickels' desperate parting shot at gun owners who worked hard to make sure he did not survive the recent primary election," said SAF. "He has already been advised by Attorney General Rob McKenna that he has no authority to impose gun laws more restrictive than state law, which allows concealed carry on public property."

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OBAMA'S "REGULATORY CZAR" CASS SUNSTEIN FLUNKS GUN RIGHTS TEST

Cass R. Sunstein is a Harvard Law School professor and the head of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Obama administration.

That makes him the "regulatory czar," but his long personal belief in animal rights and support of gun control is raising fears that he's really going to use his power to become the "gun czar."

**GUN
CZAR
???**

Sunstein has written 35 books that reveal a legal mind far to the left of the mainstream, and give us the ammunition to call him on the carpet when he inevitably crosses the line into kooky anti-gun extremism.

For example, Sunstein believes in regulating hunting out of existence. He told a Harvard audience in 2007 that "we ought to ban hunting." And in his book *The Rights of Animals: A Very Short Primer* (2002), he said:

"I think we should go further...the law should impose further regulation on hunting, scientific experiments, entertainment, and (above all) farming to ensure against unnecessary animal suffering. It is easy to imagine a set of initiatives that would do a great deal here, and indeed European nations have moved in just this direction. There are many possibilities."

What "possibilities?" In Sunstein's world, animals should have just as many rights as people - and they should be able to *sue humans in court!*

"We could even grant animals a right to bring suit without insisting that animals are persons, or that they are not property," Sunstein said on page 11 of *Animal Rights: Current Debates and New Directions* (2004).

Alright, picture this: you're returning from a successful hunting trip in doe season, only to find out that Regulatory Czar Cass Sunstein has subpoenaed you for killing your prize. Can't you just see Bambi weeping on the witness stand at your trial for murdering his Mom? And how does your lawyer cross-examine a deer?

Seriously, what would that do to gun-owner rights? And jurisprudence?

Sunstein is a law professor. What does he think about the Second Amendment? In *Radicals in Robes: Why Extreme Right-Wing Courts are Wrong for America* (2005), Sunstein says: "Almost all gun control legislation is constitutionally fine.... [O]n the Constitution's text, fundamentalists should not be so confident in their enthusiasm for invalidating gun control legislation."

A videotape of a lecture Sunstein gave at the University of Chicago on Oct. 23, 2007, shows him saying: "My coming view is that the individual right to bear arms reflects the success of an extremely aggressive and resourceful social movement and has much less to do with good standard legal arguments than it appears."

What about the handgun ban in the District of Columbia? He ridiculed anyone who would say, a "trigger lock interferes with his efforts at self-defense against criminals. What on Earth does that have to do with the Second Amendment as originally understood? My tentative suggestion is that the individual right to have guns as it's being conceptualized now is best taken as a contemporary creation and a reflection of current fears - not a reading of civic-centered founding debates."

Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, objected to Sunstein's nomination and put a hold on it, preventing him from being unanimously confirmed. The senator asked for an explanation. In an attempt to get Sen. Chambliss to remove his hold, Sunstein answered him:

"I strongly believe that the Second Amendment creates an individual right to possess and use guns for purposes of both hunting and self-defense. I agree with the Supreme Court's decision in the *Heller* case, clearly recognizing the individual right to have guns for hunting and self-defense. If confirmed, I would respect the Second Amendment and the individual right that it recognizes."

Based on those no-wiggle-room assurances, Sen. Chambliss removed his hold and Sunstein was confirmed by the Senate in a 57-40 vote.

Did he really make such an instant turnaround about gun rights? Don't forget, Sunstein is a contributing editor to left-wing periodicals *The New Republic* and the George Soros-funded *American Prospect*. There's good reason to doubt him.

Now it's up to gun owners to hold "Gun Czar" Cass Sunstein to his promise.

McDONALD V. CHICAGO WILL BE HEARD BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case of *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, and decide whether Second Amendment rights apply to state and local governments, and not just the federal government.

At issue is a 27-year-old Chicago law banning handguns. The case was brought on behalf of four Chicago residents, the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), and the Illinois State Rifle Association. Alan Gura, of Gura & Possessky, PLLC, is lead counsel for the *McDonald* plaintiffs.

The title plaintiff is Otis McDonald, a black Chicago resident who led the fight to integrate his union local in the 1960s (and became its president), then went into crime-riddled neighborhoods as a community activist to help take back their streets. Justifiably, he feared for his safety, and wanted a gun.

**ON THE
LEGAL FRONT**

"I only want a handgun," he explained, "for my protection."

Yet the city of Chicago disagreed. A city ordinance prohibits residents from owning a handgun. Not that the ordinance has stopped criminals. They own thousands of handguns, and Chicago police aren't able to control criminals or their guns.

Last year, in the landmark case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms. But *Heller* concerned the District of Columbia, a federal entity, and later, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that it's still unclear whether this meant that states have to respect the right to keep and bear arms.

Over the years, the courts have used a variety of standards to determine whether particular federal rights applied against the states. Gun rights advocates say the Second Amendment applies by operation of the Fourteenth Amendment.

SAF founder Alan Gottlieb said the *McDonald* case is of paramount importance to American citizens, to see that their constitutional rights are respected not only by the Congress, but by state and local governments.

"SAF was delighted to bring this case in cooperation with the Illinois State Rifle Association and the four local plaintiffs. A gun ban is no less onerous to civil rights in Chicago than it was in the District of Columbia," Gottlieb said.

"Such a law cannot be allowed to stand unchallenged."

Now, it will be challenged.

APPEALS COURT CONSIDERS CALIFORNIA COUNTY'S RIGHT TO REGULATE GUNS

A divided Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is wrestling with potentially the most important gun case in its history, a dispute over a firearms ban at the Alameda County Fairgrounds that has expanded into a constitutional battle over state and local authority to regulate gun possession.

County supervisors outlawed firearms on all county property, including the fairgrounds in Pleasanton, in 1999, after 16 people were injured in a melee at the fair in which shots were fired. Gun shows can no longer be held there.

Some judges on the 11-member panel agree with gun-rights advocates that the Second Amendment, recently interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court to protect an individual's right to own guns, is binding on states and can be used to challenge the county ordinance.

Others note that the high court has never overturned its own 19th century rulings that said the Second Amendment applies only to the federal government. But Chief Judge Alex Kozinski said the Supreme Court discarded its 19th century rulings when it started applying other Bill of Rights protections to the states in 1929.

SAF APPEALS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNCONSTITUTIONAL WARRANT CASE

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit recently heard arguments in a Fourth Amendment case that has united the Second Amendment Foundation and the American Civil Liberties Union against the District of Columbia government.

At issue was the question of whether a plaintiff could sue the city for wrongly targeting him with an arrest warrant, even though it was quickly with-

drawn. The case was dismissed by a district court judge, who found that the man, Robert Ord, lacked standing.

Ord's attorney, Matthew LeFante, told the three judge appeals panel, which included Judges Judith Rogers, Janice Rogers Brown and David Tatel, that upholding the lower court ruling would give the District unchecked authority to issue warrants without probable cause.

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Ord argued that police had violated the Fourth Amendment, which states "no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause." The city countered that because Ord had never been arrested, he had not suffered any harm, and the court could not grant any relief. Ord appealed.

The city, represented by D.C. Solicitor General Todd Kim, argued that Ord "lacked a Constitutional claim without a search or seizure."

Judge Tatel pointedly asked, "What do you do with the Fourth Amendment, which says no warrants shall be issued?"

"You have to read it in context," Kim said.

LaFante dismissed that argument, saying "The District wants to parse the Fourth Amendment the way it once parsed the Second Amendment," he said, referring to the city's failed legal battle to defend its gun ban in *District v. Heller*.

SAF SUES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OVER RIGHT TO CARRY

D.C. Attorney General Peter J. Nickles has filed a motion in U.S. District Court to dismiss a lawsuit brought by four gun advocates who are seeking the right to carry their weapons outside their homes. The Second Amendment Foundation is named as a plaintiff for the lawsuit as well as D.C. residents Tom G. Palmer, George Lyon and Amy McVey, plus Edward Raymond, who was denied a license to transport his gun through the city..

Nickles argues that current city gun laws, which allow licensed gun owners to keep weapons in their homes for their personal protection, fall under the category of "reasonable restrictions" permitted by the court in *District v. Heller*.

The lawsuit argues that city laws banning the carrying of handguns in public violate the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It asks that the District issue licenses to carry guns in public to legal gun owners in the city and to people with valid carry permits from outside the city.

D.C. APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS MANDATORY GUN LICENSING

The D.C. Court of Appeals has upheld the city's extremely restrictive law requiring residents to obtain licenses to carry handguns outside of their homes.

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last year in the high-profile *D.C. v. Heller* case did not invalidate the District of Columbia's licensing requirements, and even appears to have endorsed them, the appeals court ruled.

"While the statute indisputably imposes a regulatory restriction on the right to bear arms, on its face it does not stifle a fundamental liberty," the appeals court concluded. Alan Gura, counsel for SAF's right to carry lawsuit, said it will not affect their case. "We're not challenging the requirement for a license."

FEDERAL JUDGE RULES POLICE CANNOT DETAIN PEOPLE FOR OPENLY CARRYING GUNS

Judge Bruce D. Black of the United States District Court for New Mexico has entered summary judgment in a civil case for damages against Alamogordo, NM police officers. Matthew St. John paid to enter an Alamogordo movie theater openly carrying a holstered handgun, which requires no license in New Mexico. The theater manager called police, who physically seized St. John, took him outside, disarmed him, searched him, obtained identification from his wallet, and only allowed him to re-enter the theater after St. John agreed to secure his gun in his vehicle. Theater employees had not asked him to leave. Judge Black concluded that the police violated Matthew St. John's constitutional rights under the Fourth Amendment because they seized and disarmed him even though there was not "any reason to believe that a crime was afoot."

● **CARACAS, VENEZUELA:** Legislators at the National Assembly are taking an unorthodox approach to law and order in a society notorious for gunslinging and one of the highest per capita murder rates on the planet.

The defense committee at the legislature has been looking at reforming the 70-year-old Arms and Explosive Law, which has yet to be brought into line with the Bolivarian Constitution adopted by referendum at President Hugo Chávez's order in late 1999.

The head of the committee, Deputy Juan Mendoza, said the reform was a "specific prohibition under which any person cannot buy more than 50 bullets a year."

AROUND THE WORLD

Mendoza, a middle-ranking member of Chávez's governing United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), said the proposal represented "a form of reducing the parameters when it comes to the use of firearms and ammunition."

This reform is as stupid as Venezuela's police are corrupt and criminal themselves. The Caracas Metropolitan Police are infested with hard-bitten murderers who will sell bullets in any number to anyone they know.

Justice Minister Tareck El Assaïmi admits that the murder rate in the capital hadn't gone down under a new "Safe Caracas Plan" but hadn't gone up, either. Great, in a city that averages one murder each hour, some by the cops.

● **DUBLIN, IRELAND:** A ban on Samurai swords has been imposed in Ireland. The ban, imposed by Minister for Justice Dermot Ahern as part of measures to tackle knife crime, makes the sale, importation, purchase or possession of the swords illegal.

Those caught with the weapons could face up to seven years in prison. The ban does not apply to hand-carved swords made before 1954. The Justice Minister has also recently increased the penalty for possessing a knife in a public place from one to five years.

Mr Ahern described a recent spate of knife attacks as 'very worrying', but he said the Government was working to try to raise awareness in an effort to reduce knife crime. Knife control is in full swing in Ireland.

● **PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA:** The Cape High Court has given Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa 90 days to draw up guidelines for compensation for firearms surrendered under the gun control law. The ruling could result in pay-outs totalling millions of rands for gun owners who have handed in weapons since 2004.

The order was handed down by Acting Judge President Jeanette Traverso.

It followed an application by the Justice Alliance of SA (Jasa) and the False Bay Gun Club. They argued that the Firearms Control Act, which came into force in 2004, required the minister to come up with guidelines on the amount of compensation to be paid for guns surrendered or forfeited to the state.

● **OTTAWA, CANADA:** Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan has asked the federal privacy commissioner to investigate whether the RCMP abused the personal information of gun owners by handing their names over to a pollster to use for a survey.

The Conservatives have pledged for years to abolish the contentious long-gun registry for rifles and shotguns, created by the former Liberal government as part of a 1995 gun-control package passed in the wake of the Montreal massacre, in which 14 women were shot dead.

Van Loan seized on the RCMP's move as evidence that the fears of gun owners – that their personal information would be abused – has come to fruition.

● **KABUL, AFGHANISTAN:** The reliable measure of stability in many countries is the value of the currency or the price of equities – but not in Afghanistan: here the key indicator is the price of a Kalashnikov AK-47 assault rifle. And the bad news is that the stepped-up Taliban offensive and mounting discord over the outcome of August's election have seen the price of a Chinese-made AK smuggled in from Pakistan rise to \$400 from \$150 in just three months. "People are arming themselves," a Western official in Kabul noted with alarm.

● **Detroit Michigan:** Pastor Lawrence Adams went to his Westside Bible Church on a recent Sunday evening and found an intruder inside the building, said Detroit police Sgt. Eren Stephens. The man began swinging an object at the pastor, a retired police lieutenant, who pulled out a handgun and shot him in the abdomen, he said. "The pastor identified himself as a retired policeman. The guy kept swinging," Adams' wife, Iris, told the Associated Press. The pastor, who was not injured, was licensed to carry the handgun, police said. Police have not released the alleged intruder's name but said he was being treated at an area hospital. His injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

● **Mount Juliet, Tennessee:** A woman in Mount Juliet got a scare recently when a man broke into her home while she was in the shower. The intruder quickly ran out, but the woman grabbed her gun and shot at his car. Police arrested a man named Franklin Fish a short time later. The woman identified him as the burglar. Detectives believe Fish is wanted for several other home break-ins.

● **Dayton, Ohio:** John Sullivan of the Dayton Police Department said a 24-year-old man cut in front of a 72-year-old in the area of Brooklyn Avenue in Dayton. He said the 24-year-old got out of his vehicle with an assault rifle, pointed it at the 72-year-old and tried to rob him. That's when the 72-year-old pulled out his weapon and shot the robber twice, once in the abdomen and once in the arm. The robber is expected to survive. Police didn't expect to file charges against the 72-year-old. They said the attempted robber would face a charge of aggravated robbery. Police said the young man didn't know the older one had a CCW permit.

GUNS SAVE LIVES

● **Petros, Tennessee:** A burglary suspect is recovering from a gunshot wound near his groin - a wound 75-year-old Ruth Robbins gave him after he fought with her son and then got in a scuffle with her. Jesse Williams, 28, sits in the Morgan County jail, charged with burglary, aggravated assault, and simple assault, as he nurses a gunshot wound to his leg. He was treated and released to officers at UT Medical Center. According to the Morgan County Sheriff's Office, Williams broke into David Brandenburg's Petros home and fought Brandenburg, 43. Ruth Robbins came over from her home next door and tried to help Brandenburg, who is her son. At that point, authorities say Williams turned his attack on her - so she shot him.

● **Lake Worth, Florida:** Naked, grizzled and grumpy after having been rudely awakened, Robert E. Thompson, of Lake Worth, reached for his loaded .38 caliber revolver and shuffled his way out back where his dog was growling ferociously. The World War II veteran met a drunken man who couldn't speak English; 26-year-old Jose Pasqual, who was trying to fend off Thompson's dog. Thompson pointed his gun at the intruder, who had just scaled a fence into his yard. Pasqual took a step towards the naked man. Thompson fired a warning shot. Pasqual kept his distance until Palm Beach Sheriff deputies arrived on the scene.

● **Lithonia, Georgia:** A burglar who broke into a Lithonia home was shot in the buttocks by the homeowner, police said. The burglary happened at about 11:30 a.m. at the home on Gadwell Circle. The intruder was taken to a hospital with moderate injuries, police said. The intruder's name was not released. Investigators said no charges are expected to be filed against the homeowner, who was not identified by police.

● **Titusville, Florida:** Two burglars attempting to steal a car from a Brevard County home were held at gunpoint by the homeowners. Matthew Clark, 20, and Justin Sheppard, 19, are facing several charges including burglary and grand theft. Authorities say the pair was burglarizing a home near Titusville on Karen Drive when the homeowners confronted them with a 12-gauge shotgun. The woman and her son held the two until police arrived. Clark and Sheppard are now being held on \$5,000 bonds.

● **Kansas City, Missouri:** An intruder was shot during an attempted break-in at a Northland apartment complex. Officers were called to the Wild Oaks complex on Highway 152 shortly before 3 a.m. Police said a man was trying to break into an apartment when the woman inside grabbed her gun and fired at the intruder through the door. The man pulled out his own gun and fired back. The intruder was hit twice and was taken to a hospital. He is expected to recover. The woman was not injured.

Parting Shot

A STUDY IN GUN CONTRASTS

Dean Allen, a combat veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam, is a Republican candidate to be South Carolina's next adjutant general.

What's an adjutant general? He's the officer who is in charge of the state's Army and Air National Guard, serves on the board of visitors for The Citadel and holds many other related responsibilities.

Allen traded fiery campaign speeches for firepower, launching his campaign with a "Machinegun Social" at Allen Arms Indoor Range (the owner is no relation to the candidate). It was attended by 500 people who paid \$25 for barbecue, a clip of bullets for target practice and the chance to win a \$700 semiautomatic AK-47.

Allen said he wants the job so he can gather more support for the State Guard. He said he would try to get an updated radio system and other equipment so that the State Guard can work with greater efficiency.

The winner of the AK-47 will receive a gift certificate, Allen said. To take possession of the rifle, he or she will have to pass an FBI background check, show identification and fill out federal paperwork.

Allen, 58, said his consulting agency, Dark Horse Strategy Group of Spartanburg, came up with the idea for the AK-47 giveaway. Dark Horse spokeswoman Nicole Cobb said her company likes to be original and work with candidates "who are true conservatives."

"I like to tell people I'm not the country club conservative," Allen said. "I'm the machine gun one."

In the New York City primary, it was very different: gun control guru Richard Aborn's third-place defeat in the race for Manhattan District Attorney was an unambiguous rebuke of the gun control movement by the residents of New York City.

Aborn based his campaign almost entirely upon his work with Handgun Control, Inc., now renamed the Brady Campaign, and the anti-gun policies they advocate.

His list of endorsements included anti-gun-nuts Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, State Senators Eric Schneiderman and Eric Adams, Assemblypersons Jonathan Bing, Deborah Glick, and five others.

Aborn also got endorsements from anti-gun organizations including the Brady Campaign, Gun Free Kids, Million Mom March and New Yorkers Against Gun Violence.

His last place finish demonstrates just how far outside the mainstream of society gun control advocates are.

Imagine, a solid majority of Democrat voters in Manhattan have rejected a gun control candidate and his ideas.

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