

## NRA VOTE ALERT

**Due to the importance of H.R. 2406, the SHARE Act, votes on the following amendments will be considered in future candidate ratings and endorsements by the NRA Political Victory Fund.**

### **Beyer (VA) #15 Oppose**

Please vote “No” on the Beyer Amendment #15, which is unnecessary because the acquisition or possession of a firearm by a person subject to 18 U.S.C. 922(g) – under *any* circumstance or for *any* purpose – is *already* a federal felony.

The provision is a solution in search of a problem. No evidence suggests that felons, fugitives or other prohibited persons are regularly risking felony prosecution by using firearms to target shoot at public ranges. And merely possessing a firearm at a public target range should not create an implication that a person is prohibited by law from acquiring or possessing firearms. In addition, administrators of public target ranges would have no practical way of knowing who is a prohibited person and who is not.

**Due to the importance of this issue, votes on the Beyer amendment #15 will be considered in future candidate ratings and endorsements by the NRA Political Victory Fund.**

### **Griffith (VA) #12 Support**

Please vote “Yes” on the Griffith Amendment #12, which would clarify existing law regarding the interstate transportation of firearms and ammunition for hunters and law-abiding gun owners.

Current federal law guarantees the right of law-abiding persons to transport firearms between two locations where they have a legal right to possess and carry them, regardless of state or local laws that would otherwise apply. The firearm must be cased or otherwise not readily accessible. Unfortunately, anti-gun local officials have used overly restrictive state licensing laws to harass and prosecute travelers who have made every effort to comply with the law, resulting in seized guns that are sometimes never returned, delayed travel, legal fees, and sometimes even unnecessary guilty pleas.

The Griffith amendment would reinforce the intent of Congress underlying the 1986 Firearms Owners Protection Act. Specifically, it would make clear that transportation of both firearms and ammunition is federally protected, as well as expand the protections afforded to travelers to include "staying in temporary lodging overnight, stopping for food, fuel, vehicle maintenance, an emergency, medical treatment, and any other activity incidental" to the trip. Additionally, it would place the burden of proof clearly on the state to show that a traveler failed to comply with the law.

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### **Jackson Lee (TX) #32 Oppose**

Please vote “No” on the Jackson Lee Amendment #32, which would strike the entire section of the bill that would allow polar bear trophies legally harvested *before* the importation ban to be imported into the United States.

Currently, bears legally harvested before polar bears were listed as threatened are being stored in Canada in limbo. Preventing the importation of these polar bear trophies would have no impact on current polar bear populations and keeping them in Canada provides no conservation value.

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### **Lowenthal (CA) #9 Oppose**

Please vote “No” on the Lowenthal Amendment #9, which would tie the price of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) to the rate of inflation. Just last year the cost of the Federal Duck Stamp was raised from \$15 to \$25. Before adversely affecting average hunters with additional fees, Congress should hold oversight hearings regarding the most recent increase and its effect on migratory bird habitats, hunters and stamp sales.

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### **Ribble (WI) #2 Support**

Please vote “Yes” on the Ribble Amendment #2, which would reaffirm the 2011 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services decision to delist the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming from the Endangered Species Act. All wolves in these areas are recovered and should now be managed by state biologists, using sound scientific data. Left unmanaged, wolf packs decimate game animal populations on which hunters depend, as well as threaten livestock and local communities.

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## **Wittman (VA) # 13 Support**

Please vote “Yes” on the Wittman Amendment #13, the manager’s amendment, which makes technical changes to the bill and includes the Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act, a bipartisan breakthrough on the longstanding issue of environmental litigation.

The measure has passed the House by voice-vote several times, most recently as H.R. 3279 by Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA) and Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN), and has several bipartisan cosponsors.

It is also part of the Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015 in the Senate.

The Open Book on the Equal Access to Justice Act creates a public database and annual report on the money paid by the government to reimburse legal fees and costs per the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Records of these expenditures do not exist in any usable form, as determined by recent investigations by the Government Accountability Office.

Another benefit of tracking and reporting EAJA payments is to support the law’s original purpose of enabling seniors, veterans, and small businesses to dispute unfair treatment by the government. The Open Book on EAJA Act carefully protects these interests by respecting the privacy of their direct and personal claims against the government. The data provided by this measure will help judge the effectiveness of EAJA in the behalf of these originally-intended beneficiaries.

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## **Young, Don (AK) #5 Support**

Please vote “Yes” on the Young Amendment #5, which would require the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to withdraw a proposed rule that is contrary to both the Alaska National Lands Conservation Act and the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act. FWS would fundamentally change a very successful federal-state relationship by usurping the authority of the Alaska Fish and Game Department (AKFG) to sustainably manage fish and wildlife for both non-subsistence and subsistence use on federal wildlife refuges in Alaska. The proposed rule gives preeminence to FWS' Biological Integrity, Diversity, and Environmental Health policy over the other 13 responsibilities given the Secretary for managing refuges. Importantly, the proposed rule could easily be applied to wildlife refuges in the lower 48 states, usurping the authority of state fish and wildlife agencies and adversely impacting wildlife dependent recreation on refuges, such as hunting and fishing.

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**Should you have any questions on these amendments, please contact NRA Federal Affairs at (202) 651-2560.**