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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: T. J. Rooney
Date: July 14, 2005
Subject: Gun Control Legislation

In the next few weeks I will be reintroducing the following legislation pertaining to gun control.

1. PERSONALIZED HANDGUNS (Formerly HB 1791)

This legislation will require the manufacture and marketing of handguns that are childproof and that can be used only by owners. Like safety features added to motor vehicles, drug packages, and cigarette lighters, safety features added to handguns can greatly enhance the safety and proper use of the product. Personalized handguns will reduce the number of death and injury by shootings, especially accidental shootings among young adults and children.

The legislation will also establish a Commission that would adopt a handgun safety performance standard for all handguns manufactured, possessed, sold, offered for sale, traded, transferred, shipped, leased, distributed, or acquired within the state or locality. The performance standard must be adopted within one year of the Commission's establishment.

I believe we should continue to manufacture, distribute and sell guns to law abiding citizens as the Constitution guarantees, but at the same time, guns should be as safe as technology will allow.

2. MUNICIPAL GUN LAW (Formerly HB 1690)

The possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons would be prohibited in a municipal building. Dangerous weapon is defined as bomb, grenade, blackjack, sandbag, metal knuckles, dagger, knife which exposes the blade in an automatic way by switch, push-button or spring mechanism.

A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if possessing a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a municipal building or knowingly causes a firearm to be present in a municipal building.

A person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if they knowingly possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a municipal building with the intent of using the weapon in the commission of a crime.

Notice of the provisions must be posted conspicuously at each public entrance to each municipal building.

3. CHILD GUN ACCESS PREVENTION LAW (Formerly HB 1689)

This legislation will require adults with firearms to lock or secure them if there are children in the home. The violation would be a misdemeanor if no injury results. If death results, the violation would be a third-degree felony. Currently, 15 other states have a CAP in place. In Florida, unintentional shooting deaths dropped by more than 50 percent the first year this legislation was adopted.

4. EXCLUSION OF SALES TAX (Formerly HB 1691)

This legislation will exclude the imposition of a sales tax on the sale of firearm storage vaults or trigger locks.

If you wish to co-sponsor any or all of this legislation, please call Linda at 3-8515 or respond through E-mail to ldolfi@pahouse.net.