

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3812

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Mr. Rick Povich
Legislative Affairs Representative
Johnstown Rifle and Pistol Club
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Dear Mr. Povich:

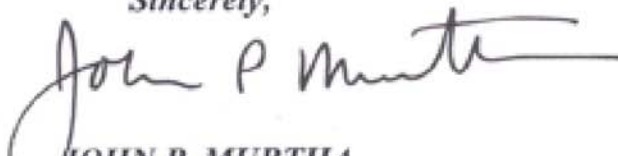
Karen Taylor-Goodrich has gotten back to me from the National Park Service (NPS) in response to my inquiry on your behalf.

She explained that the Park Service's firearms regulation is designed to ensure public safety and provide maximum protection of natural wildlife resources by limiting the opportunity for unauthorized use of weapons, while still providing reasonable regulatory relief for persons living within, traveling through, or conducting activities on lands adjacent to park areas.

Earlier this year, the Secretary of the Interior asked the NPS, together with Department of the Interior staff, to review the history of this regulation and evaluate its continued application. There are still concerns and all officials want to make sure it's fully evaluated so it may be a while before the review is complete. I hope this review will result in an amicable resolution.

Take care, Mr. Povich, and please be sure to let me know if I can be of service in the future.

Sincerely,


JOHN P. MURTHA
YOUR CONGRESSMAN

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