

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
December nn, 2005

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

I need your help in supporting the VCDL sponsored petition for rule making to amend CFR 36, Regulation 2.4 to allow law abiding citizens and off duty law enforcement officers to carry legal, defensive firearms in National Parks. This is the current rule in our National Forests and it works well. The current Park Service regulation prohibits all viable forms of self defense, even for off duty law enforcement since the Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act only supersedes state law.

The Virginia Citizens Defense League, together with over 40 co-petitioners submitted a petition to amend regulation 2.4 to the Department of the Interior February 11, 2005. Myself, and the petitioners need your help to get common sense changes in the VCDL petition published in the next Federal Register for comment and subsequent implementation.

Here is a hyperlink to the petition: [http://www.vcdl.org/new/Petition\\_for\\_Rulemaking.pdf](http://www.vcdl.org/new/Petition_for_Rulemaking.pdf)

Please contact the Department of the Interior, Secretary Gale Norton on my behalf and tell her to without delay, publish the VCDL petition's amended CFR 36 Regulation 2.4 in the next Federal Register as a matter of public safety.

- The VCDL petition to amend CFR 36, Regulation 2.4 would only allow law abiding citizens, and off duty law enforcement officers to carry defensive firearms and ONLY use them in self defense or defense of another in accordance with the laws in that state.
- The VCDL petition honors the citizen's right to self defense while preserving the National Parks authority to regulate hunting, fishing and other weapons, traps or nets.
- The VCDL petition respects the right of the people to determine what manner of self defense is acceptable, subject to reasonable regulation by the laws of the several States.
- The current Park Service regulation represents a comprehensive ban on self defense, written at a time when the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment was relegated to the dangerous 'collective' rights theory. Today, legal scholars, courts, state legislatures, the US Department of Justice, and Congress all agree that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment secures individual rights to both keep, *and bear* arms. The current regulation stands in defiance of the will of Congress, the People, the President, and common sense.
- The VCDL petition has bipartisan support in Congress, and among the people.

Senator George Allen's office has been a leader in getting the Department of the Interior to recognize the growing Congressional and popular support for the VCDL petition, and I ask that you join the bipartisan team of supporters to get VCDL's petition to the Department of the Interior published without delay, in the next Federal Register.

Please contact me with any questions, and let me know when you have contacted the Department of the Interior

Sincerely,  
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