

THE Gun Owners

39 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1975-2014

Gun owners nationwide can help GOA elect a pro-gun Congress

by Chris Stone

This November's elections will drastically shape the future of our country.

I know, I know. That is a clichéd expression uttered every election cycle, but for gun owners in particular, this is a landmark year, either for good or bad.

We have the ability to seize the United States Senate from the hands of Harry Reid and his anti-gun cohorts, and place control back in the hands of Senators who will protect the Second Amendment and U.S. Constitution.

Yet this outcome is only possible if gun owners vote for and support candidates who are willing to go to Washington and stand up for our right to keep and bear arms.

Taking Back the Senate

The chief focus on this year's election is the critical U.S. Senate races -- which, if won by pro-gun Republicans, will strip anti-gun Harry Reid of his power and make the upper chamber more friendly to gun owners.

Three anti-gun Senators — Mark Begich (D-AK), Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Mark Pryor (D-AR) — are all facing incredibly tough reelection fights in their respective states, and their Republican counterparts are running on strong pro-Second Amendment messages and records.

Anti-gun Senators are retiring in the states of Iowa, South Dakota, and West Virginia, and the competition to replace them is heating up. The candidates leading in the polls are strong Second Amendment backers.

Arkansas Rep. Tom Cotton (R) keeps gaining more and more ground on anti-gun Sen. Mark Pryor in that Senate race. Cotton was endorsed by GOA in his first race for Congress and was, subsequently, elected to the House in 2012. He has maintained his "A" rating, and if elected in November, will bring more pro-gun leadership to the U.S. Senate.

"A" rated and GOA-endorsed Rep. Steve Daines (R-MT) is likely to blow out the anti-gun competition in the Montana Senate race, meaning a solid pro-gun vote and leader will be able to defend the Second Amendment in that chamber.

Ben Sasse is also likely to cruise to victory in his Nebraska



GOA's Erich Pratt (left) meets with pro-gun Rep. Tom Cotton (R-AR), who is challenging the "D" rated Mark Pryor in the race for Senate.

Senate race. GOA endorsed Ben earlier this year, as he ran a pro-gun primary campaign and filled out our candidate questionnaire with 100 percent pro-gun answers.

Not surprisingly, all of the anti-gun Senators who are trailing in the polls are the same individuals who praised President Obama and the passage of the anti-gun ObamaCare law. Americans are becoming more and more frustrated — as ObamaCare threatens to collect medical information that can be used to deny guns to honest Americans.

Supreme Court Watch

It is very possible that within the next two years, the Senate will have to confirm a new Supreme Court Justice. We all know how important this is, considering that the Court narrowly ruled in favor of the Second Amendment in the *Heller* decision by a 5-4 margin, a decision in which GOA was actively involved.

We must have a Senate that is bolstered with pro-gun Sena-

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Great News!
See how your activism makes a difference
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**Special
Candidate Rating Issue!**

2014 Candidate Rating Scorecard

Candidates who have established a voting record, either in the office for which they are running or in another elected office, are evaluated primarily on the basis of that voting record. However, sponsorship of pro or anti-gun legislation and other such factors can affect their grade.

If an incumbent or challenger has not established a voting record or demonstrated his or her position in some other way, that candidate is evaluated on the basis of his or her responses to the GOA 2014 Federal Candidate Questionnaire or public statements.

Every candidate, whether an incumbent or challenger, begins with an "A" and is then downgraded on the basis of each anti-gun position or vote.

A+: Pro-Gun Leader. Carries pro-gun bills, works with pro-gun groups and organizes against anti-gun legislation, speaks out for Second Amendment rights.

A & A-: Pro-Gun Voter. Philosophical sound. Always with pro-gun leadership but takes no leadership role.

B & B-: Pro-Gun compromiser. Generally leans our way but occasionally supports a particular anti-gun proposal.

C & C-: Leans Our Way occasionally. No philosophical commitment. Must be constantly pressured by the pro-gun movement or, if left alone, will vote against us.

D & D-: Likely Anti-Gun. Normally with the anti-gun movement, but strong pressure can sometimes move them into a non-vote (abstention) or an occasional

pro-gun vote, if they believe voting against us could cause their defeat.

F: Anti-Gun Voter. A philosophically committed anti-gunner. Does not carry anti-gun bills but can always be counted on to vote against us.

F-: Anti-Gun Leader. Outspoken anti-gun advocate who carries or cosponsors anti-gun legislation, plots and plans with anti-gun organizations to take away our Second Amendment rights.

NR: The candidate refused to answer his or her questionnaire. This is usually a sign that the candidate is hiding anti-gun views.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to space limitations, only Republicans and Democrats are listed. Grades of third party candidates are posted on the GOA website: www.gunowners.org/2014

United States House of Representatives

ALASKA		CALIFORNIA		McCarthy (R)	A-
01 Dunbar (D)	NR	01 Hall (D)	F	24 Capps (D)	F-
Young (R)	B	LaMalfa (R)	A	Mitchum (R)	B-
ALABAMA		02 Huffman (D)	F	25 Knight (R)	A
01 Byrne (R)	A	Mensing (R)	A	Strickland (R)	NR
LeFlore (D)	D	03 Garamendi (D)	F-	26 Brownley (D)	F
02 Roby (R)	A	Logue (R)	A	Gorell (R)	C
Wright (D)	NR	04 McClintock (R)	A	27 Chu (D)	F-
03 Rogers (R)	A	Moore (R)	NR	Orswell (R)	A
Smith (D)	NR	05 Thompson (D)	F	28 Schiff (D)	F-
04 Aderholt (R)	A	06 Matsui (D)	F-	29 Cardenas (D)	F
05 Brooks (R)	A	McCray (R)	A	Leader (R)	A
06 Lester (D)	F	07 Bera (D)	F	30 Reed (R)	A
Palmer (R)	B	Ose (R)	F	Sherman (D)	F-
07 Sewell (D)	F	08 Conaway (D)	NR	31 Aguilar (D)	F
ARKANSAS		Cook (R)	A-	Chabot (R)	B
01 Crawford (R)	A-	09 Amador (R)	B	32 Alas (R)	A
McPherson (D)	A	McNerney (D)	F	Napolitano (D)	F
02 Hays (D)	C	10 Denham (R)	A-	33 Carr (R)	NR
Hill (R)	A	Eggman (D)	NR	Lieu (D)	NR
03 Womack (R)	A-	11 DeSaulnier (D)	F	34 Becerra (D)	F-
04 Westerman (R)	A	Phan (R)	NR	Edwards (D)	NR
Witt (D)	NR	12 Dennis (R)	A	35 Gagnier (D)	NR
ARIZONA		Pelosi (D)	F-	Torres (D)	F
01 Kirkpatrick (D)	D	13 Lee (D)	F-	36 Nestande (R)	A
Tobin (R)	A	Sundeen (R)	A	Ruiz (D)	F-
02 Barber (D)	F	14 Chew (R)	NR	37 Bass (D)	F-
McSally (R)	NR	Speier (D)	F-	King (R)	NR
03 Grijalva (D)	F	15 Bussell (R)	NR	38 Campos (R)	B
Mercer (R)	A	Stwalwell (D)	F	Sanchez (D)	F-
04 Gosar (R)	A+	16 Costa (D)	F	39 Anderson (D)	NR
Weisser (D)	NR	Tacherra (R)	A	Royce (R)	A
05 Salmon (R)	A+	17 Honda (D)	F-	40 Roybal-Allard (D)	F-
Woods (D)	NR	Khanna (D)	NR	Sanchez (D)	NR
06 Schweikert (R)	A+	18 Eshoo (D)	F-	41 Adams (R)	A
Williamson (D)	NR	Fox (R)	NR	Takano (D)	F
07 Gallego (D)	D-	19 Lofgren (D)	F-	42 Calvert (R)	A
08 Franks (R)	A	Murray (D)	NR	Sheridan (D)	NR
09 Rogers (R)	NR	20 Farr (D)	F-	43 Waters (D)	F-
Sinema (D)	F	21 Renteria (D)	F	Wood (R)	NR
		Valadao (R)	B	44 Hahn (D)	F-
		22 Aguilera-Marrero (D)	NR	45 Leavens (D)	F
		Nunes (R)	A-	Walters (R)	A
		23 Garcia (D)	NR	46 Nick (R)	NR



GOA Vice Chairman Tim Macy (right) with pro-gun candidate Ken Buck, who is running in Colorado's Fourth District.

Sanchez (D)	F-	04 Buck (R)	A
47 Lowenthal (D)	F	Meyers (D)	NR
Whallon (R)	A	05 Halter (D)	NR
48 Rohrabacher (R)	A	Lamborn (R)	A
Savary (D)	F	06 Coffman (R)	B
49 Issa (R)	A-	Romanoff (D)	F
Peiser (D)	NR	07 Perlmutter (D)	F-
50 Hunter (R)	A	Ytterberg (R)	NR
Kimber (D)	NR	CONNECTICUT	
51 Vargas (D)	F	01 Corey (R)	A
52 DeMaio (R)	NR	Larson (D)	F-
Peters (D)	F	02 Cavanagh (R)	A-
53 Davis (D)	F-	Courtney (D)	F
Wilske (R)	A	03 Brown (R)	B-
COLORADO		DeLauro (D)	F-
01 DeGette (D)	F-	04 Debicella (R)	C
Walsh (R)	NR	Himes (D)	F-
02 Leing (R)	NR	05 Esty (D)	F
Polis (D)	F	Greenberg (R)	A
03 Tapia (D)	D		
Tipton (R)	A-		

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Ratings

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DELAWARE

- 01 Carney (D) F
- Izzo (R) NR

FLORIDA

- 01 Bryan (D) F
- Miller (R) A+
- 02 Graham (D) NR
- Southerland (R) A
- 03 Wheeler (D) NR
- Yoho (R) A
- 04 Crenshaw (R) B
- 05 Brown (D) F
- Smith (R) NR
- 06 Cox (D) NR
- DeSantis (R) A
- 07 Mica (R) A
- Neuman (D) F
- 08 Posey (R) A
- Rothblatt (D) NR
- 09 Grayson (D) F
- Platt (R) A
- 10 McKenna (D) C
- Webster (R) A-
- 11 Koller(D) NR
- Nugent (R) A
- 12 Bilirakis (R) A-
- 13 Jolly (R) A-
- 14 Castor (D) F
- 15 Cohn (D) NR
- Ross (R) A-
- 16 Buchanan (R) B
- Lawrence (D) NR
- 17 Bronson (D) NR
- Rooney (R) A-
- 18 Domino (R) A
- Murphy (D) F
- 19 Clawson (R) A
- Freeman (D) NR
- 20 Bonner (R) A
- Hastings (D) F-
- 21 Deutch(D) F-
- 22 Frankel (D) F
- Spain (R) D
- 23 Kaufman (R) A
- Wasserman-Schultz (D) F-
- 24 Neree (R) NR
- Wilson (D) F-
- 25 Diaz-Balart (R) B
- 26 Curbelo (R) A
- Garcia (D) F
- 27 Ros-Lehtinen (R) B-

GEORGIA

- 01 Carter (R) A
- Reese (D) NR
- 02 Bishop (D) F
- Duke (R) A
- 03 Westmoreland (R) A
- 04 Johnson (D) F-
- 05 Lewis (D) F-
- 06 Montigel (D) NR
- Price (R) A
- 07 Wight (D) A-
- Woodall (R) A
- 08 Scott (R) A
- 09 Collins (R) A+
- Vogel (D) NR
- 10 Dious (D) NR
- Hice (R) A
- 11 Loudermilk (R) A
- 12 Allen (R) A
- Barrow (D) D
- 13 Scott (D) F
- 14 Graves (R) A

HAWAII

- 01 Djou (R) D
- Takai (D) F
- 02 Crowley(R) A
- Gabbard (D) F

IOWA

- 01 Blum (R) A
- Murphy (D) D
- 02 Loeb sack (D) F
- Miller-Meeks (R) B
- 03 Appel (D) F
- Young (R) NR
- 04 King (R) A
- Mowrer (D) NR

IDAHO

- 01 Labrador (R) A
- Ringo (D) F
- 02 Simpson (R) B-
- Stallings (D) NR

ILLINOIS

- 01 Rush (D) F-
- Tillman (R) NR
- 02 Kelly (D) F
- Wallace (R) A
- 03 Brannigan (R) C
- Lipinski (D) F
- 04 Concepcion (R) NR
- Gutierrez (D) F
- 05 Kolber (R) NR
- Quigley (D) F
- 06 Mason (D) NR
- Roskam (R) B
- 07 Bumpers (R) NR
- Davis (D) F
- 08 Duckworth (D) F
- Kaifesh (R) B
- 09 Atanus (R) F
- Schakowsky (D) F
- 10 Dold (R) C
- Schneider (D) F
- 11 Foster (D) F
- Senger (R) NR
- 12 Bost (R) A
- Enyart (D) F
- 13 Callis (D) NR
- Davis (R) B
- 14 Anderson (D) F
- Hultgren (R) A-
- 15 Shimkus (R) A-
- Thorsland (D) NR
- 16 Kinzinger (R) B
- Olsen (D) NR
- 17 Bustos (D) F
- Schilling (R) A
- 18 Miller (D) NR
- Schock (R) B

INDIANA

- 01 Leyva (R) A
- Visclosky (D) F
- 02 Bock (D) NR
- Walorski (R) A
- 03 Kuhnle (D) NR
- Stutzman (R) A+
- 04 Dale (D) C
- Rokita (R) A
- 05 Brooks (R) B
- Denney (D) NR
- 06 Heitzman (D) NR
- Messer (R) A
- 07 Carson (D) F-
- Ping (R) A-
- 08 Bucshon (R) A-
- Spangler (D) F
- 09 Bailey (D) D-
- Young (R) A-

KANSAS

- 01 Huelskamp (R) A
- Sherow (D) NR
- 02 Jenkins (R) A-
- Wakefield (D) NR
- 03 Kultala (D) NR
- Yoder (R) A
- 04 Pompeo (R) A
- Schuckman (D) NR
- 01 Hatchett (D) D-
- Whitfield (R) B

KENTUCKY

- 02 Guthrie (R) A-
- Leach (D) NR
- 03 Macfarlane (R) A
- Yarmuth (D) F
- 04 Massie (R) A+
- Newberry (D) NR
- 05 Rogers (R) B-
- Stepp (D) A
- 06 Barr (R) A
- Jensen (D) NR

LOUISIANA

- 01 Scalise (R) A
- 02 Richmond (D) F-
- 03 Boustany (R) A-
- 04 Fleming (R) A
- 05 McAllister (R) A
- 06 OPEN

MASSACHUSETTS

- 01 Neal (D) F-
- 02 McGovern (D) F-
- 03 Tsongas (D) F-
- Wofford (R) A
- 04 Kennedy (D) F
- 05 Clark (D) F
- 06 Moulton (D) F
- Tisei (R) A
- 07 Capuano (D) F-
- 08 Lynch (D) F
- 09 Chapman (R) NR
- Keating (D) F-

MARYLAND

- 01 Harris (R) A+
- Tilghman (D) D
- 02 Banach (R) A
- Ruppersberger (D) F-
- 03 Long (R) F
- Sarbanes (D) F-
- 04 Edwards (D) F-
- Hoyt (R) NR
- 05 Chaffee (R) A
- Hoyer (D) F-
- 06 Bongino (R) A
- Delaney (D) F
- 07 Cummings (D) F-
- Vaughn (R) A
- 08 Van Hollen (D) F-
- Wallace (R) NR

MAINE

- 01 Misiuk (R) NR
- Pingree (D) F-
- 02 Cain (D) NR
- Poliquin (R) NR

MICHIGAN

- 01 Benishek (R) A-
- Cannon (D) NR
- 02 Huizenga (R) A
- Vanderstelt (D) F
- 03 Amash (R) A
- Goodrich (D) F
- 04 Holmes (D) NR
- Moolenaar (R) A
- 05 Hardwick (R) A
- Kildee (D) C
- 06 Clements (D) NR
- Upton (R) C
- 07 Byrnes (D) F
- Walberg (R) A
- 08 Bishop (R) A
- Schertzing (D) NR
- 09 Briko (R) A
- Levin (D) F-
- 10 Miller (R) B
- Stadler (D) NR
- 11 McKenzie (D) NR
- Trott (R) A
- 12 Bowman (R) A
- Dingell (D) NR
- 13 Conyers (D) F-
- Gorman (R) NR
- 14 Barr (R) NR
- Lawrence (D) F



Competitive shooter Stewart Mills (above) received national attention when he posted a “video letter” showing his congressman the difference between a shotgun and a so-called assault weapon. He is now challenging that very same Rick Nolan in Minnesota’s 8th Congressional District.

MINNESOTA

- 01 Hagedorn (R) A
- Walz (D) F
- 02 Kline (R) A-
- Obermueller (D) NR
- 03 Paulsen (R) B-
- Sund (D) NR
- 04 McCollum (D) F-
- Wahlgren (R) NR
- 05 Daggett (R) D
- Ellison (D) F-
- 06 Emmer (R) A
- Perske (D) NR
- 07 Peterson (D) B
- Westrom (R) A
- 08 Mills (R) A
- Nolan (D) F-

MISSOURI

- 01 Clay (D) F-
- Elder (R) A-
- 02 Lieber(D) F
- Wagner (R) A-
- 03 Denton (D) C
- Luetkemeyer (R) A
- 04 Hartzler (R) A
- Irvin (D) NR
- 05 Cleaver (D) F-
- Turk (R) A
- 06 Graves (R) A
- Hedge (D) NR
- 07 Evans (D) C
- Long (R) A
- 08 Smith (R) A
- Stocker (D) NR

MISSISSIPPI

- 01 Dickey (D) NR
- Nunnelee (R) A
- 02 Thompson (D) F
- 03 Harper (R) A-
- 04 Moore (D) NR
- Palazzo (R) A
- 04 Price (D) F-
- Wright (R) A
- 05 Brannon (D) NR
- Foxx (R) A
- 06 Fjeld (D) NR
- Walker (R) A

MONTANA

- 01 Lewis (D) NR
- Zinke (R) NR

NORTH CAROLINA

- 01 Butterfield (D) F
- Rich (R) A
- 02 Aiken (D) NR
- Ellmers (R) A
- 03 Adame (D) NR
- Jones (R) B
- 04 Price (D) F-
- Wright (R) A
- 05 Brannon (D) NR
- Foxx (R) A
- 06 Fjeld (D) NR
- Walker (R) A

- 07 Barfield (D) F
- Rouzer (R) A
- 08 Hudson (R) A
- 09 Pittenger (R) A-
- 10 MacQueen (D) D
- McHenry (R) A-
- 11 Hill (D) NR
- Meadows (R) A
- 12 Adams (D) F
- Coakley (R) A
- 13 Cleary (D) NR
- Holding (R) A

NORTH DAKOTA

- 01 Cramer (R) A-
- 1 Sinner (D) NR

NEBRASKA

- 01 Crawford (D) NR
- Fortenberry (R) B-
- 02 Ashford (D) D-
- Terry (R) A
- 03 Smith (R) A-
- Sullivan (D) NR

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- 01 Guinta (R) A
- Shea-Porter (D) F
- 02 Garcia (R) A
- Kuster (R) F

NEW JERSEY

- 01 Cobb (R) NR
- Norcross (D) F
- 02 Hughes (D) NR
- LoBiondo (R) F
- 03 Belgard (D) NR
- MacArthur (R) NR
- 04 Scolavino (D) F
- Smith (R) F
- 05 Cho (D) NR
- Garrett (R) A
- 06 Pallone (D) F-
- Wilkinson (R) A
- 07 Kovatch (D) F
- Lance (R) B-
- 08 Sires (D) F-
- Tiscornia (R) NR
- 09 Pascrell (D) F-
- Paul (R) F
- 10 Dentley (R) NR
- Payne (D) F
- 11 Dunec (D) F
- Frelinghuysen (R) C
- 12 Coleman (D) F
- Eck (R) NR

NEW MEXICO

- 01 Frese (R) A
- Grisham (D) F

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tors in order to defeat gun control legislation and anti-gun nominees and judges.

The 2010 and 2012 elections were encouraging years for gun owners across the country, and now we have the opportunity to build on that momentum.



GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt meets with Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY), who is one of the pro-gun leaders in the House of Representatives.

Strong Pro-gun Presence in the House

The 2012 elections saw a large class of solid pro-gun candidates win their congressional races and head to Capitol Hill.

For example, two GOA-endorsed candidates — Rep. Steve Stockman (R-TX) and Thomas Massie (R-KY) — proved that their “A” ratings were every bit justified, as they led the charge in sponsoring solid pro-gun legislation.

And Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-IN), who was a freshman in 2010, became the lead sponsor for H.R. 578, a key piece of legislation that will protect gun owners across all 50 states by allowing for concealed carry reciprocity, while protecting constitutional carry.

Thankfully, it appears that more pro-gun reinforcements are likely to head to the U.S. House to bolster the strong presence of Second Amendment statesmen.

Making gains in 2014

Dave Brat upset Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA) by defeating him in the June primary. Dave is “A” rated with GOA and is ready to bring a constitutional, limited-government mindset back to Virginia’s 7th district. He is running a strong campaign, and should beat his challenger who refuses to return a GOA candidate questionnaire.

Jody Hice is likely to win the race for Georgia’s 10th Congressional District. This is particularly welcome news to all gun owners, because this seat has been held by Rep. Paul Broun, one of the most pro-gun members of Congress. Rep. Broun is vacating his seat after a tough loss in the race for Senate. Thankfully, Jody, who is a gun owner and small government advocate, is endorsed by Rep. Broun and is “A” rated with GOA.

Alex Mooney is running for West Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District, as Shelley Moore Capito vacates the seat to run



Rep. Paul Broun (right) is retiring and will be sorely missed by gun owners in Georgia’s Tenth District. But his most likely replacement, Jody Hice, will definitely take up the pro-gun mantle.

for the Senate. Alex is also “A” rated with GOA, and is leading the race by campaigning on his support for the Second Amendment.

Gun Owners of America Political Victory Fund (GOA-PVF) has endorsed the above three candidates and is hopeful that they will be coming to work on Capitol Hill in January.

Other candidates who have received GOA-PVF endorsements and look very promising are Ken Buck, who is running for Colorado’s 4th Congressional District; Rod Blum, who is running for Iowa’s 1st Congressional District; and Steve Knight, who is running for California’s 25th Congressional District.

These races are crucial to the security of our Second Amendment rights, and crucial to maintaining a pro-gun majority in the House.

Candidate Ratings

This newsletter contains our candidate rating for the 2014 election cycle. GOA sent out a candidate questionnaire to all House and Senate candidates, asking them to return the survey so our members could see how they answer policy questions related to the Second Amendment.

We encourage you to examine the grades of candidates in your state, and see whether they even returned a completed questionnaire.

Also examine the candidates’ grades outside of your state. Make a copy and pass it around to your pro-gun family and friends!

It’s the least we can all do to protect our liberties. So many great statesmen before us spent their lives fighting for the freedoms and liberties protected in the Bill of Rights.

In this spirit, we must rally behind new candidates and current Congressmen who will fight to preserve our Second Amendment rights, and repeal the laws which unjustly penalize law-abiding gun owners. ■

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GOA’s Candidate Rating.
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Shaneen Allen is (Basically) Free!

— GOA thanks its members for sending postcards to Gov. Christie

by Erich Pratt

GOA members and activists will remember the story of Shaneen Allen — a mother of two who is a concealed carry permit holder in Pennsylvania, but who was arrested for having her gun in New Jersey. (See *The Gun Owners*, Sept. 1, 2014.)

Yes, Shaneen broke New Jersey law. But the law she broke is clearly in violation of the Second Amendment, which guarantees citizens the right to keep and BEAR arms.

So GOA recently provided its members with postcards addressed to Governor Chris Christie, demanding that he put pressure on the prosecutor to drop the case.

Well, *National Review* published a very encouraging update to this story in late September:



Rep. Marlin Stutzman (left) has introduced concealed carry reciprocity legislation that would protect people like Shaneen Allen from lawless prosecutors.

The prosecutor in Atlantic County has relented, and Shaneen Allen will be admitted into a pre-trial intervention (PTI) program. In consequence, she will avoid jail time, a felony conviction, and the destruction of her life.

This is great news!

After all, Shaneen did NOT commit a violent crime. She was extremely cooperative with the arresting officer. So much so, he never even would have known about Shaneen’s firearm had she not volunteered the information.

Before the decision to keep Shaneen out of jail, Governor Chris Christie had gone on record saying that he was “monitoring” the case and had hinted at an eventual solution, noting that “the pardon power of the governor is broad and extensive.”

This is a huge victory for gun rights. So thank you, once again, to everyone who sent their postcards to Governor Chris Christie. Your activism makes a difference! ■

Sheriffs Who Are Protecting Liberty

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The Forest Service threatened to arrest the Otero County citizens who were disturbing the “natural condition” of the forest. But Sheriff House threatened to arrest the Forest Service agents. That successful standoff allowed the folks in Cloudcroft to save their ski village when a forest fire threatened them two years ago.

Another sheriff who has experienced similar conflicts with the Forest Service is Gil Gilbertson of Josephine County, Oregon. He also interposed himself between the feds and the people, and achieved similar results. In fact, there is not one known example of the feds actually firing on any county’s residents or sheriffs in such situations.

There are a couple of standoffs that did come close — and ironically, they were both in Nye County, Nevada. The Wayne Hage family had an armed standoff with the Bureau of Land Man-

agement ten years ago to protect their right to water their cattle on federal lands. And the Cliven Bundy family went through a similar experience earlier this year. The Nye County Sheriff got involved, albeit belatedly this year,

whereas Sheriff Tony DeMeo stood off the BLM with his armed deputies to protect the Hage family.

The liberal media is not covering such stories, but clearly there is some good news. ■

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Ratings

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02 Lara (D)	NR
Pearce (R)	A
03 Byrd (R)	A
Lujan (D)	F

NEVADA

01 Teijeiro (R)	A
Titus (D)	F
02 Amodei (R)	A-
Spees (D)	NR
03 Bilbray (D)	NR
Heck (R)	B-
04 Hardy (R)	A
Horsford (D)	F

NEW YORK

01 Bishop (D)	F-
Zeldin (R)	A
02 King (R)	F-
Maher (D)	F
03 Israel (D)	F-
Lally (R)	A
04 Blakeman (R)	NR
Rice (D)	F
05 Meeks (D)	F-
06 Meng (D)	F-
07 Fernandez (R)	NR
Velazquez (D)	F-
08 Jeffries (D)	F-
09 Clarke (D)	F-
10 Nadler (D)	F-
11 Grimm (R)	B
Recchia (D)	NR
12 Di Iorio (R)	NR
Maloney (D)	F
13 Rangel (D)	F-
14 Crowley (D)	F-
15 Serrano (D)	F
16 Engel (D)	F-
17 Day (R)	NR
Lowey (D)	F-
18 Hayworth (R)	A
Maloney (D)	F
19 Eldridge (D)	F
Gibson (R)	B
20 Fischer (R)	C
Tonko (D)	F
21 Stefanik (R)	A
Wolf (D)	NR
22 Hanna (R)	A-
23 Reed (R)	A-
Robertson (D)	NR
24 Katko (R)	B
Maffei (D)	F
25 Assini (R)	A
Slaughter (D)	F
26 Higgins (D)	F
Weppner (R)	A-
27 Collins (R)	A
O'Donnell (D)	NR

OHIO

01 Chabot (R)	A
Kundrata (D)	NR
02 Tyszkiewicz (D)	NR
Wenstrup (R)	A
03 Adams (R)	A
Beatty (D)	C
04 Garrett (D)	D-
Jordan (R)	A+
05 Fry (D)	NR
Latta (R)	A
06 Garrison (D)	NR
Johnson (R)	A
07 Gibbs (R)	A
08 Boehner (R)	B
Poetter (D)	NR
09 Kaptur (D)	F
May (R)	A
10 Klepinger (D)	NR
Turner (R)	B-
11 Fudge (D)	F-

Zetzer (R)	A
12 Tibbs (D)	C
Tiberi (R)	B
13 Ryan (D)	F
14 Joyce (R)	A-
Wager (D)	F
15 Stivers (R)	B-
Wharton (D)	F
16 Crossland (D)	D
Renacci (R)	A-

OKLAHOMA

01 Bridenstine (R)	A
02 Everett (D)	NR
Mullin (R)	A
03 Lucas (R)	A
Robbins (D)	NR
04 Cole (R)	A-
Smith (D)	NR
05 McAffery (D)	NR
Russell (R)	A

OREGON

01 Bonamicci (D)	F
Yates (R)	A
02 Cristofferson (D)	NR
Walden (R)	B-
03 Blumenauer (D)	F-
Buchal (R)	A-
04 DeFazio (D)	F
Robinson (R)	A
05 Schrader (D)	F
Smith (R)	A

PENNSYLVANIA

01 Brady (D)	F-
Rath (R)	A
02 Fattah (D)	F-
James (R)	NR
03 Kelly (R)	A
LaVallee (D)	NR
04 Perry (R)	A
Thompson (D)	F
05 Taylor (D)	C
Thompson (R)	B
06 Costello (R)	A
Trivedi (D)	F
07 Balchunis (D)	F
Meehan (R)	C
08 Fitzpatrick (R)	C-
Strouse (D)	NR
09 Hartzok (D)	F
Shuster (R)	A-
10 Brion (D)	NR
Marino (R)	A-
11 Barletta (R)	B
Ostrowski (D)	NR
12 McClelland (D)	NR
Rothfus (R)	A-
13 Adcock (R)	A
Boyle (D)	F
14 Doyle (D)	F
15 Dent (R)	B
16 Houghton (D)	D
Pitts (R)	A-
17 Cartwright (D)	F
Moylan (R)	A
18 Murphy (R)	A-

RHODE ISLAND

01 Cicilline (D)	F-
Lynch (R)	NR
02 Langevin (D)	F-
Reis (R)	A

SOUTH CAROLINA

01 Sanford (R)	A
02 Black (D)	A
Wilson (R)	A
03 Duncan (R)	A
Mullis (D)	NR
04 Gowdy (R)	A-
05 Adams (D)	NR
Mulvaney (R)	A-
06 Clyburn (D)	F
Culler (R)	NR

07 Bromell-Tinubu (D)	NR
Rice (R)	A

SOUTH DAKOTA

01 Noem (R)	A-
Robinson (D)	NR

TENNESSEE

01 Roe (R)	A
02 Duncan (R)	A
Scott (D)	F
03 Fleischmann (R)	A
Headrick (D)	F
04 DesJarlais (R)	A
Sherrell (D)	NR
05 Cooper (R)	F
Ries (R)	A
06 Black (R)	A
Powers (D)	NR
07 Blackburn (R)	A
Cramer (D)	NR
08 Bradley (D)	NR
Fincher (R)	A
09 Bergmann (R)	NR
Cohen (D)	F-

TEXAS

01 Gohmert (R)	A
McKellar (D)	NR
02 Letsos (D)	NR
Poe (R)	A
03 Johnson (R)	A
04 Ratcliffe (R)	NR
05 Hensarling (R)	A
06 Barton (R)	A
Cozad (D)	NR
07 Cargas (D)	F
Culberson (R)	A
08 Brady (R)	A
09 Green (D)	F-
10 McCaul (R)	A
Walter-Cadieu (D)	NR
11 Conaway (R)	A
12 Granger (R)	A
Greene (D)	NR
13 Minter (D)	NR
Thornberry (R)	A
14 Brown (D)	NR
Weber (R)	A
15 Hinojosa (D)	F
Zamora (R)	A
16 O'Rourke (D)	F
Shuster (R)	NR
17 Flores (R)	A
Haynes (D)	NR
18 Jackson Lee (D)	F-
Seibert (R)	F
19 Marchbanks (D)	NR
Neugebauer (R)	A

20 Castro (D)	F
21 Smith (R)	A-
22 Briscoe (D)	NR
Olson (R)	A+
23 Gallego (D)	B
Hurd (R)	A
24 Marchant (R)	A
McGehearty (D)	NR
25 Montoya (D)	NR
Williams (R)	A
26 Burgess (R)	A
27 Farenthold (R)	A
Reed (D)	NR
28 Cuellar (D)	F
29 Green (D)	F
30 Johnson (D)	F
31 Carter (R)	A
Minor (D)	F
32 Perez (D)	NR
Sessions (R)	A
33 Veasey (D)	F
34 Smith (R)	NR
Vela (D)	C
35 Doggett (D)	F
Narvaiz (R)	A
36 Babin (R)	A
Cole (D)	NR

UTAH

01 Bishop (R)	A
McAleer (D)	NR
02 Robles (D)	D
Stewart (R)	A
03 Chaffetz (R)	A
Wonnacott (D)	NR
04 Love (R)	A
Owens (D)	NR

VIRGINIA

01 Mosher (D)	NR
Wittman (R)	B-
02 Patrick (D)	NR
Rigell (R)	C
03 Scott (D)	F-
04 Fausz (D)	NR
Forbes (R)	A
05 Gaughan (D)	NR
Hurt (R)	A-
06 Goodlatte (R)	A-
07 Brat (R)	A
Trammell (D)	NR
08 Beyer (D)	F
Edmond (R)	NR
09 Griffith (R)	A
10 Comstock (R)	A
Foust (D)	F
11 Connolly (D)	F
Scholte (R)	NR

VERMONT

01 Donka (R)	A
Welch (D)	F

WASHINGTON

01 Celis (R)	B
DelBene (D)	F
02 Guillot (R)	A
Larsen (D)	F
03 Dingethal (D)	F
Herrera-Beutler (R)	B
04 Didier (R)	A
Newhouse (R)	NR
05 McMorris-Rodgers (R)	B
Pakootas (D)	D
06 Kilmer (D)	F
McClendon (R)	A
07 Keller (R)	A
McDermott (D)	F-
08 Reichert (R)	C
Ritchie (D)	NR
09 Basler (R)	NR
Smith (D)	F
10 Heck (D)	F
McDonald (R)	A

WISCONSIN

01 Ryan (R)	A-
Zerban (D)	NR
02 Pocan (D)	F
Theron (R)	A
03 Kind (D)	D-
Kurtz (R)	A
04 Moore (D)	F
Sebring (R)	A
05 Rockwood (D)	NR
Sensenbrenner (R)	A-
06 Grothman (R)	A
Harris (D)	NR
07 Duffy (R)	A-
Westlund (D)	NR
08 Gruett (D)	NR
Ribble (R)	B

WEST VIRGINIA

01 Gainer (D)	NR
McKinley (R)	B
02 Casey (D)	NR
Mooney (R)	A
03 Jenkins (R)	A
Rahall (D)	D-

WYOMING

01 Grayson (D)	F
Lummis (R)	A+



Alex Mooney, who is "A" rated by GOA, stands a very good chance of filling the open seat in West Virginia's 2nd Congressional District.

United States Senate

ALABAMA Sessions (R) A-	IDAHO Mitchell (D) NR Risch (R) A	MASSACHUSETTS Herr (R) NR Markey (D) F-	NEW MEXICO Udall (D) F Weh (R) A-	SOUTH CAROLINA Special Election Dickerson (D) NR Scott (R) A-
ALASKA Begich (D) D Sullivan (R) A	ILLINOIS Durbin (D) F- Oberweis (R) B	MICHIGAN Land (R) NR Peters (D) F	NORTH CAROLINA Hagan (D) F Tillis (R) B	SOUTH DAKOTA Rounds (R) A- Weiland (D) NR
ARKANSAS Cotton (R) A Pryor (D) D	IOWA Braley (D) F Ernst (R) A	MINNESOTA Franken (D) F McFadden (R) B	OKLAHOMA Inhofe (R) A Silverstein (D) NR	TENNESSEE Alexander (R) C Ball (D) F
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GEORGIA Nunn (D) NR Perdue (R) B	LOUISIANA Cassidy (R) A- Landrieu (D) F Maness (R) A	NEBRASKA Domina (D) NR Sasse (R) A	RHODE ISLAND Reed (D) F- Zaccaria (R) A	WEST VIRGINIA Capito (R) A- Tennant (D) NR
HAWAII Cavasso (R) A Schatz (D) F	MAINE Bellows (D) NR Collins (R) F	NEW HAMPSHIRE Brown (R) C Shaheen (D) F	SOUTH CAROLINA Graham (R) C Hutto (D) NR	WYOMING Enzi (R) A Hardy (D) NR

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One additional note. If you are employed by a corporation or organization which has a Matching Gift Program, please keep **GOF** in mind when making your donation. Thank you very much.





Sheriffs Who Are Protecting Liberty

by Larry Pratt

An increasing number of sheriffs are rising to resist federal overreach in their counties. About 100 of them met in mid-September at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

The gathering was organized by the Constitutional Sheriffs and

Peace Officers Association — a group that was formed by former Sheriff Richard Mack. It was a time of mutual encouragement, where several sheriffs shared their experiences in resisting federal overreach.

Sheriff Mike Lewis of Wicomico County, Maryland was one of the sheriffs in attendance. He got national attention recently for saying that the feds better not try grabbing guns in his county.

“I can tell you this,” Lewis said, “if they attempt to do that, it will be an all-out civil war. No question about it.”

Another attendee, Sheriff Denny Peyman of Jackson County, Kentucky, was equally blunt. “My office will not comply with any federal action which violates the United States Constitution or the Kentucky Constitution which I swore to uphold.”

Gun Owners of America presented Sheriff Peyman with the “Nullifier of the Year” award last year because of his strong commitment to defend the Constitution — and the Second Amendment in particular.

GOA goes to bat for pro-gun sheriff... and wins!

Another GOA award recipient who joined the sheriff posse in September was the nationally renowned Sheriff David Clarke, Jr., of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. GOA presented Clarke with the “High Noon Award” last year for “standing for truth when others run, and for telling the truth even though politically incorrect.”

To be sure, Clarke’s political IN-correctness — and his pro-Second Amend-

ment views — has provoked intense hatred against him from the political Left. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is a billionaire, poured \$150,000 into his sheriff’s race this past summer, trying to unseat him in his primary.

But Daddy Warbucks’ money couldn’t buy that election, as Clarke won by a 52-48 percent margin. GOA’s Political Victory Fund rallied gun owners in the state of Wisconsin to contribute to Sheriff Clarke’s campaign. And GOA’s Facebook page made gun owners around the country aware of this important race.

Sheriffs standing up to the feds

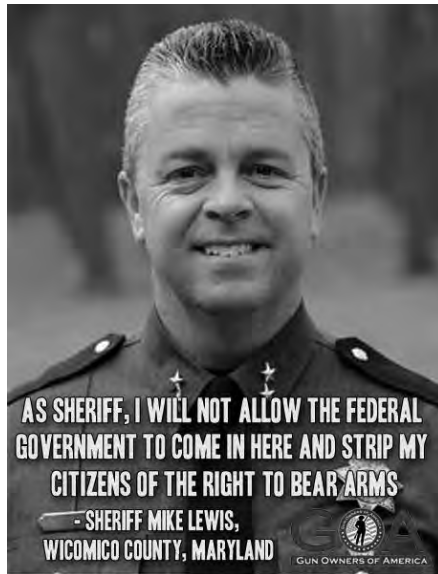
Two sheriffs who have attracted something of a cult following are Brad Rogers of Elkhart County, Indiana, and Bennie House of Otero County, New Mexico. While they were not in attendance this September, their stories were heralded as examples to follow.

Sheriff Rogers is a GOA Life Member who interposed himself between the Food and Drug Administration and a raw milk dairy farmer. The feds were on the verge of confiscating the farmer’s equipment which would have bankrupted him.

But Sheriff Rogers communicated with the head attorney at the FDA and told her that if they put one more foot on the farmer’s land, he would arrest them. She, in turn, threatened to arrest him. Rogers simply ended the debate by replying: “Game on.” That was almost three years ago, and the FDA has been MIA ever since.

Then there’s Sheriff Benny House in New Mexico, who led a confrontation with the Forest Service several years ago on behalf of some of his citizens. The locals were hauling dead trees out of National Forest land in violation of Forest Service policy. The locals not only wanted the firewood provided by the dead trees, but were also lessening the risk of forest fire (dead trees burn much more quickly and serve to make fires more likely to spread).

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