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Dear Mr. Iannantuono,

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns over legislation restricting Second Amendment rights. I appreciate the time you have taken to contact me on this matter.


You should know that I have always been a strong supporter of the right to bear arms. First, as a State Senator, I introduced "fleeing felon" legislation that allowed for the use of deadly force during burglaries and other home invasions, while also supporting countless other bills aimed at protecting our Second Amendment rights.

Then, during the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, I supported several important bills dealing with firearms legislation. On 25 July 2006, I voted for HR 5013, the Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act. This bill, which is sponsored by Rep. Bobby Jindal (LA-1), would prevent the confiscation of law-abiding citizens' firearms at the time when they need guns the most—in the aftermath of a natural disaster. That bill passed the House by a vote of 322-99. In addition, on 26 September 2006 I voted for HR 5092, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization Act of 2006. That bill, of which I was a co-sponsor, revised the system of administrative penalties for gun dealers, manufacturers, and importers, and made sure that firearms dealers are punished only for *willful* violations of the firearms laws, rather than *paperwork* errors. That bill passed the House by a vote of 277-131.

I believe that every law-abiding American adult of sound mind should have the right to own firearms for the purpose of self-defense, hunting, sport, and hobby, and I assure you that I will keep this principle and your thoughts in mind when deciding how to vote on any pending firearms legislation.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your views with me. If you would like to receive periodic electronic mail updates on current issues in Congress, visit my website at [www.dent.house.gov](http://www.dent.house.gov) to sign up for my E-Newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or comments you may have involving this or any other federal issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,  
  
Charles W. Dent  
Member of Congress

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