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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 16, 2011

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Robert W. Godshall, Chairman

House Consumer Affairs Committee

SUBJECT:

Co-sponsorship of Second Amendment Resolution

At the request of one of my constituents and while all of us are aware, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution guarantee a fundamental right to keep and bear arms. Recently, significant concerns have been raised about a potential United Nations arms trade treaty and the possible impact of the treaty on Second Amendment/Article I, Section 21 rights. On July 11, 2011, 45 United States Senators sent a letter to the President of the United States and the Secretary of State which stated that the Senators would oppose ratification of any United Nations arms trade treaty which restricted the rights of law-abiding United States citizens to manufacture, assemble, possess, transfer or purchase firearms or ammunition.

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives urge the United States Senate to oppose ratification of such a treaty if it restricted the rights of Pennsylvania citizens under either the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article I, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

If you would like to co-sponsor, please contact Jane Hugendubler at <u>jhugendu@pahousegop.com</u> or 783-6429.

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