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TO : All House Members
FROM : Hon. Will Tallman
SUBJECT : Antique Firearm Provision
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When the phrase "antique firearm" is used, many of us think of Civil War Reenactors at Gettysburg or Revolutionary War Reenactors at Valley Forge. Current Pennsylvania law exempts "antique firearms" from most of the provisions of our Uniform Firearms Act. There are, however, questions about the definition of "antique firearm" and which guns are covered.

We have multiple organizations and jurisdictions applying totally different interpretations. This has caused problems for both law enforcement and firearm dealers.

The PA Firearms Owners Against Crime have indicated support for this legislation to clear up ambiguities. In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation which clarifies the current exemption. This legislation would follow the current federal exemption allowing ownership of antique firearms by individuals who might be restricted from owning modern guns. It would also continue a current limitation (in state law) which prohibits carrying a concealed antique handgun without a license to carry a firearm.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jodi Addington in my Harrisburg office at 783-8875 or via e-mail at jaddingt@pahousegop.com.