



The Senate Connection

Connecting Davie and Rowan Counties with news from the
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Issue Brief: The Second Amendment

On June 26, 2008 the U.S. Supreme Court finally recognized the Second Amendment as an individual and not merely a collective right. “Like so many supporters of gun rights, I have been waiting a long time for the Second Amendment to finally be given the protection it deserves. For those of us who believe that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right, this is a great ruling,” Senator Brock said in response to the decision.

Opponents of the Second Amendment have for years attempted to claim that it is a collective right, meaning that society as a whole has a right to have guns but no individual has a right to have a gun. “The anti-gun crowd has been trying to turn the Second Amendment into a second class amendment for years, but their efforts have been dealt a serious blow,” the Senator commented. He continued: “Some of the very people who have been fighting gun rights serve in the North Carolina General Assembly. It’s important that citizens understand that there are legislators right here at home who would love to severely limit gun rights. One of the most important things I do as a senator I stand up to those people and their attempts to take away this precious right.”

Senator Brock has always been a strong support the right to keep and bear arms. A member of the National Rifle Association, he has introduced many bills that support the rights of gun owners and sportsmen including:

- ◆ Senate Bill 79 – **Appropriations for the Hunters for the Hungry Program**: This bill provides funding to help hunters share what they’ve killed with those having a hard time putting food on the table.
- ◆ Senate Bill 294 — **Sport Shooting Range Protection**: This legislation protects sport shooting ranges when they relocate due to condemnation, rezoning, annexation, road construction, or development.
- ◆ Senate Bill 1094—**Person Protections in Restaurants**: This bill allows persons with concealed handgun permits to protect themselves and their families in restaurants.
- ◆ Senate Bill 1251—**Castle Doctrine for NC**: This legislation would bring the castle doctrine to North Carolina. If passed, it would allow North Carolinians to use force to prevent the commission of a felony.

Constituent Spotlight:

Sen. Brock Meets with Local Leaders

During the short session Senator Brock met with a delegation of local elected officials who visited the General Assembly as part of the North Carolina League of Municipalities Town Hall Day. Town Hall Day bring local leaders to the legislature to meet with senators and representatives.

“I have an open-door policy at my office and I am always happy to meet with our local leaders,” the senator said. “Our communities are the backbone of North Carolina and no one understands their needs better than the mayors, council members, and aldermen they elect. Hearing about local needs from the leaders who are closest to the people helps me do a better job as a senator.”



Sen. Brock and local leaders meet on the Senate floor to discuss important issues.