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HAWLEY VOTES TO PROTECT SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

This week Assemblyman Steve Hawley (R, I, C – Batavia) voted against legislation, introduced by the Assembly Majority, that if enacted would violate the Second Amendment rights of lawful gun owners in New York. Specifically, Steve Hawley voted against bill A. 801-A, which requires that gun owners re-license their firearms every five years. Assemblyman Hawley's opposition to these bills is consistent with his voting record and belief that the second amendment should be protected for all New Yorkers.

“While it's important that our state work to improve public safety, this must not be done in a way that would eliminate the constitutional rights that our country was founded on,” said Hawley. “For the Assembly Majority to pass legislation that would in any way negatively impact our right to bear arms is unacceptable. Instead of passing laws that infringe upon law-abiding citizens that use firearms for sport and self-protection, Albany should be working on legislation that would better pursue criminals that obtain and use firearms illegally.”

Assemblyman Hawley opposed thirteen of the fourteen bills relating to firearms. The lone bill Assemblyman Hawley voted in support of was bill A.7733, legislation that passed unanimously. In an effort to enhance public safety, this legislation will give judicial courts the power to remove firearms from individuals with a criminal record or history of mental illness.

“The priorities of Downstate politicians and their anti-gun agenda should not, and cannot, violate the gun rights of Upstate and Western New Yorkers. In Albany I will continue to be a strong advocate for the Second Amendment rights of all New Yorkers,” concluded Hawley.

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