

*Committee to Honor the Human Right of Self Defense*  
Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the Arizona CCW Law

July 29, 2004

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A constituency that is important to you would deeply enjoy the honor of your presence at a banquet scheduled for Sat., Oct. 2, 2004, just weeks prior to the national election.

This year is the 10th anniversary of Arizona's CCW law, which allows regular citizens to tactfully bear arms for their own safety. By any measure, the law is a success.

Opponents who predicted wild west crime waves have been proven wrong. Lives have been saved. Crimes have been stopped. There are cases like Rory Vertigan, who backed up an ambushed police officer. Law enforcement and the citizens have worked together to make the CCW system a success. Ten years after we began, it turns out that the right to keep and bear arms is demonstrably a good thing.

We are recognizing the success of this law at the banquet. The Outstanding Citizenship—Self Defense Award will be bestowed for the first time. The volunteers organizing the banquet have direct support from the largest organizations in the field:

The National Rifle Association  
Gun Owners of America  
Second Amendment Foundation  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership  
Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association

It would be a wonderful show of your support, in the event you cannot attend, to have someone appear on your behalf. If we had our druthers, we would seek out Dr. Condoleezza Rice, who has spoken eloquently of the value of the family firearm, as a child growing up in the South.

Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation, in a crucial swing state. Please say yes to our request, and demonstrate support for our continued success. If you would like to squeeze in a little range time while you're here, just say the word.

Sincerely,

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