I strongly believe that the Constitution protects the right of the American people to keep and bear arms. I was very pleased that the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed an individual's right to own a firearm in a historic 2010 decision. In light of that ruling, it is my hope that states with oppressive gun rights restrictions will reverse course and protect the right of law-abiding citizens to own a gun for protection, hunting, and other recreational activities. Throughout my service in Congress, I have opposed new gun control measures. The experience of many states and our nation's capital has shown us that restrictive gun control laws have little success in reducing violent crime. Instead, I believe tough criminal sentencing and better enforcement of existing laws are the best solution to the problem of crime in America.

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