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Hon. David A. Paterson
Governor of New York

By Fax: 518-473-7619

Re: McDonald v. Chicago – New York Gun Laws

Dear Governor Paterson:

I write to you in light of the recent Supreme Court decision, McDonald v. Chicago. The Court held that a state's absolute ban on handguns was unconstitutional.

Penal Law § 400 requires pistol license applications be made in the county of the applicant's residence, an impossibility for those who live in other states. New York thus has a *de facto* absolute ban on handgun possession for out-of-state residents. This violates their right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment.

As a defense lawyer I have handled cases where police in New York State arrest out-of-state residents on handgun possession charges. In these cases my clients were licensed in their home state. They were doing nothing wrong.

With that in mind, I request that you issue an Executive Order directing police not to arrest out-of-state residents for handgun possession where there is no reason for the arrest other than the lack of a license. Please follow the Constitution and direct our police to do so as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Warren Redlich