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ATTEN: MS. MARION HAMMER

Dear Ms. Hammer,

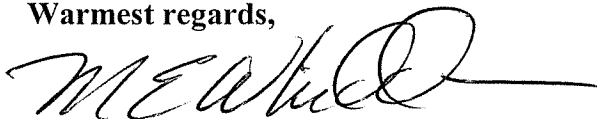
This morning I received a faxed "survey" from the Florida Chamber of Commerce concerning the proposed "Guns at Work" legislation to be considered during the upcoming session of the Florida Legislature. Normally I would have thrown it in the trash without much thought, but I read through the survey and immediately detected a ruse being perpetrated on the members of the Florida chamber. It appears that whoever concocted this survey did so with the intent to confuse business owners and get them to respond in such a way as to manipulate the results to bolster the Chamber's position on this important legislation.

As a small business owner myself, I was quite offended by the way the questions were worded and it appeared that they deliberately mixed constitutionally guaranteed INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS with assumed PROPERTY OWNERS RIGHTS. I don't recall seeing anything in the U.S. Constitution that allows property owners rights to trump an individuals right to self defense. As a business owner I would never attempt to tell an employee that they could not have a firearm in their locked vehicle while they are at work. That just doesn't make sense to me. Perhaps the Chamber's position is the result of pressure from "Big Business", which almost always assumes that it knows what is best for its employees, but sets policy for what is best for the company.

I am at a loss as to how to respond to this so called survey, except to write a letter to the Chamber to express my disdain for it's misleading tactics and to let them know that I am ashamed to be a member of an organization that would support such flagrant disregard for the Constitution of the United States.

I have enclosed a copy of the survey for your perusal.

Warmest regards,



Michael E. Whiddon, V.P.



CHAMBER SURVEY: PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Did You Know the NRA is on the Attack Again?

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts about private property rights.

The National Rifle Association's (NRA) national campaign is attempting to take away a private property owners right to create and enforce policies regarding guns at work in more than 20 states. In 2007, the Florida Chamber defeated this attack when the Legislature voted 10-4 to stop government intrusion into private property rights, saying "yes" to property rights and "no" to bigger government."

Now, the NRA is back. They have resumed attacks against private property rights in Georgia and we need to be ready to fight this legislation right here in Florida. The issue is not going away and we need your help to defend private property owners' rights. Please help us prepare for another round in the private property rights battle and take a few minute to share your thoughts about how this issue affects you and your business. Thank you for sharing your valuable time and opinions!

Please complete the following information.

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1. **Do you think Guns At Work legislation will be back in Florida during the 2008 Legislative Session?**
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. **Who do you believe should be allowed to decide if guns may be allowed on private property?**
☐ Property Owner ☐ Government
3. **Do you "support" or "oppose" the government requiring all private property owners to allow guns on their property?**
☐ Support ☐ Oppose
4. **Would you "support" or "oppose" a bill that would require employers to allow employees to bring guns to work that are locked in their cars?**
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Need more information

Please share your thoughts/concerns about your private property rights.

☐ Yes, please share my comments with the Florida Legislature and members of the media.

FAX BACK TODAY TOLL FREE TO (877) 813-6264

For more information, visit www.FloridaChamber.com or call our Guns At Work Coalition Hotline at 850.521.1224.