

SAMPLE LETTER TO LAWMAKER

Today ' s Date

Your Name
Address
City, State Zip
Phone Number

The Honorable _____
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882 (Senate)
P.O. Box 8952 (House)
Madison, WI 53707 (Senate)/53708 (House)

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

As a constituent, I strongly urge you to support SB 403 and recognize law-abiding Wisconsin citizens' right to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm for self-defense.

Wisconsin is currently one of only four states that does not have at least some sort of statute allowing law-abiding citizens to carry firearms for self-protection. Many of Wisconsin's neighbors have already passed fair, non-discretionary "Shall Issue" permit laws.

As has been the case when Right to Carry legislation has been debated in state legislatures across the country, opponents claim that such a law will cause a surge in the state's crime rate. This is simply not the case. Such instances have not occurred in other states that have enacted non-discriminatory Right to Carry laws that allow qualified, law-abiding citizens to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm for self- defense. In fact, states that currently issue Right to Carry permits have lower overall violent crime rates. According to an FBI report, in states with Right to Carry laws, total violent crime is 21% lower, homicide is 28% lower, robbery is 43% lower, and aggravated assault is 13% lower.

Law-abiding Wisconsin citizens deserve to have this life-saving, crime deterring option available to them.

In closing, I again encourage you to support SB 403 and help ensure that law-abiding Wisconsin citizens are no longer denied their fundamental right of self-defense.

Sincerely,

Your Name