## **Talking Points**

## Missouri Gun Rights Rally Wednesday April 11, 2018

- The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed".
- Refine the Gun-Free Zone legislation to sensible definitions which protect the lawabiding Missouri citizens. Support HB 1936.
  - Many crimes and shootings take place in **Gun-Free Zones** (schools, churches, hospitals, etc.) where
     victims are not allowed to carry to protect themselves.
  - The evil-doers prey upon their lack of self-defense.
  - o Law abiding citizens are forced to leave their guns in their vehicles.
  - Vehicles are broken into for guns near gun-free zones.
  - o Citizens are attacked between their vehicle and the gun-free venue.
- DO NOT let Gun-grabbers in Jefferson City attempt to repeal or weaken Missouri's Constitutional Carry and Stand-Your-Ground Laws through legislation like H.B. 1733.
- Citizens are NOT ALLOWED to carry self-protection on Saint Louis Metro Link transit or Metro busses. Crime is up on these public conveyances and ridership is down. Citizens will only utilize public transit when they feel safe.
- Most politicians are NOT firearm savvy. They need to be better informed about:
  - o Semi-automatic versus automatic.
  - o Open carry versus concealed carry.
  - o NFA regulations: machine guns, short barrel rifles and shotguns, suppressors, etc.
  - The definition (or lack thereof) of 'Assault Weapon'.
  - o The popularity and use of AR-style rifles.
  - The fallacy of limiting magazines to 10 rounds.
- The NRA is one of the first civil liberties organizations, and the first national organization
  to support the rights and freedoms of Black Americans to protect themselves. The NRA
  has 5 to 6 million active (dues paid) members. The NRA receives NO fed or state money.
- It is estimated that there are over 250 million legal firearms in America.