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The Honorable Scott Talley
South Carolina House of Representatives
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: H. 3212

Dear Rep. Talley:

GrassRoots GunRights would like to express our full support for H. 3212 as currently written.

Concealed weapon permit (CWP) holders are the good guys. The best available research shows not only are CWP holders no threat to the safety of the general public, but also that increased numbers of CWP holders serve to lower the violent crime rate for ALL people in the state - not just CWP holders. Thus, CWP holders are the most cost effective - at least as far as the state is concerned - violent crime deterrent in existence today. This fact has held true in every state.

H. 3212 simply recognizes good people remain good people, even if they cross a state line. By recognizing good people from other states remain good people even after entering South Carolina, H. 3212 will eventually allow the good people of South Carolina to be able to legally protect themselves and their families while traveling in about 30 other states. This is a good thing for the good people of South Carolina, and has no downside either here or in other states.

H. 3212 is a good bill based upon the best available research and logic, not hysterical anti gun emotions or fear of foreigners from other states. If it were not so serious and tragic, one could find humor in the "logic" that South Carolina allows anyone from another state who can legally possess a handgun to keep a loaded, readily accessible handgun in their vehicle, but refuses - for "safety" reasons - to let a person from another state who has a concealed weapon permit - i.e., is one of the proven good guys - from carrying a handgun on their person.

GrassRoots urges you to please pass H. 3212 as currently written, and to aggressively support this bill until it is enacted into law.

Sincerely,

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