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The Honorable Trent Van Haaften
Indiana House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Van Haaften,

On behalf of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action, I would like to thank you for your enduring commitment to the Second Amendment during your tenure in the Indiana state House. Your departure as the A rated State Representative for House District 76 will certainly leave a void of pro-gun leadership on the House Public Policy Committee.

The National Rifle Association appreciates your role in Indiana's fundamental, pro-gun victories in 2010, including your co-authorship and conference committee participation for House Bill 1065, Indiana's new Emergency Powers and Parking Lot law, as well as your support of House Bill 1068, to close Indiana's concealed carry permit database to the public. NRA Members can celebrate this year's passage of HB 1065 and HB 1068 thanks to your hard work.

The NRA appreciates that your defense of the Second Amendment does not stop at the Indiana state line. The NRA thanks you for participating in the pro-gun *amicus* brief supporting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Chicago citizens when *McDonald v. Chicago* was heard before the United States Supreme Court in 2010. NRA values your participatory support in striking down municipal gun bans across America.

Throughout your tenure in the Indiana state House, you proudly supported a number of other pro-gun reforms for gun-owning Hoosiers, such as protecting lawful self-defense with a firearm and removing crime victims' duty to retreat when attacked, streamlining the renewal process for Indiana Concealed Carry Permit holders and shielding gun owners from criminal charges for third parties who commit crimes with a stolen firearm.

Representative Van Haaften, you are a true friend of NRA members and gun owners. NRA values your work to protect the Second Amendment in the Indiana state House. It has been a pleasure to work with you and I wish you the best of luck in all future endeavors.

All my best,

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