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### “TO ALL NJSOA MEMBERS”

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The Law that currently gives our active and retired State & Local Law Enforcement Officers the right to carry concealed firearms NATIONWIDE is H.R. 218.

As I reported earlier this year, US Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), introduced the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvement Act of 2009” which is S-1132. If this bill is enacted, this important federal legislation will help ensure that H.R. 218, will be easily, fairly and broadly implemented. This bill also addresses the difficulties that retired Law Enforcement Officers are facing when trying to obtain the necessary credentials to qualify for the national right to carry.

S-1132 also will reduce the number of years a retired Law Enforcement Officer has to serve in order to qualify to carry, from 15 years to an aggregate of 10 years or more. This helps our brothers and sisters who started later in years and retire under the 55 years of age and out.

S-1132 will also designate new qualification procedures that will make the process easier for a retired Law Enforcement Officer to meet the requirements of firearm training.

On May 13, 2010 S-1132, finally, was passed by the Senate and was sent to the House. On September 29, 2010, the House passed S-1132. On September 30, 2010, S-1132 was sent to President Obama for his signature to pass S-1132 into law. President Obama has already indicated that he would sign it if it came to his desk. I will keep everyone informed when it becomes law.

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