## **State of Wyoming**

## Mark Gordon Governor



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Dear Mr. Gosch,

Thank you so much for taking the time to visit with the Secretary during the legislative session this year. Wyoming is a strong supporter of Second Amendment rights and we appreciate the NRA's efforts to protect our rights.

To that end, we are writing to invite you to explore relocation of your Virginia operations to Wyoming. We have no corporate tax, no personal income tax, no franchise tax and no gross receipts tax, which is why Wyoming is ranked first by the Tax Foundation in their 2021 State Business Tax Climate Index.

Further, we have an abundance of open space, an eager and skilled workforce and a population that is among the strongest, if not the strongest, in terms of support for the Second Amendment. Our state is the home to a number of businesses in the firearms industry such as Magpul, Weatherby, Thunderbeast Arms [TBAC], Gunwerks and Maven.

Most importantly, we embody the ideals that are fundamental to the National Rifle Association. Article 1, Section 24 of the Wyoming Constitution states "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be denied." Wyoming citizens appreciate their freedoms, especially when it comes to their Second Amendment rights and, in fact, have also enshrined their right to hunt and fish in the Wyoming Constitution. Article 1, Section 39 of the Wyoming Constitution declares "the opportunity to fish, hunt and trap wildlife is a heritage that shall forever be preserved to the individual citizens of the state."

Additionally, we have permitless carry, the castle doctrine, anti-financial discrimination laws, permitless purchase and possession for rifles, shotguns and handguns, no registration requirements and several other pro-second amendment laws on the books. Obviously, Wyoming is serious about protecting the second amendment.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this wonderful possibility with you further. We would love to have the NRA call Wyoming home.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon Governor Edward A. Buchanan Secretary of State