



Dear Fellow Republican:

Truth matters, and I need to set the record straight. False allegations have been made against your State Representative, Stephanie Klick, a staunch Second Amendment advocate. Stephanie co-authored the Texas Constitutional Carry bill and was my partner and ally in getting it passed. The simple truth is that Stephanie voted exactly the same way I did on the Constitutional Carry bill on every amendment. I wrote the bill, and I know what it took to get it passed.

HB 1927 was truly a major Texas milestone in protecting the Second Amendment by allowing handguns to be carried by law-abiding citizens age 21 and up for the first time in 150 years. HB 1927 was hard to write, and hard to pass. It was the most difficult legislative effort I have ever undertaken. Texas gun laws are a maze. It was legally and politically complicated. Do you recall how difficult it was for the Senate to pass this bill?

A little more background on me. I served twenty plus years in the U.S. Navy Reserve as an officer, including a tour in Afghanistan. In the Texas House, I'm Vice Chairman of the Freedom Caucus and was the founding Chairman. But what matters most to me is my Christian faith and being true to my calling as a husband to Jasilyn, my wife of 21 years, and as a father to my daughter Quincy and son Graham.

Back to Constitutional Carry. During the floor debate, there were many amendments. I stood at the front mic for close to 7 hours fighting to keep the bill intact. Some of the amendments were from Republicans, and they represented good policy in my opinion. But those amendments were political landmines, and if added to the bill it would collapse. These amendments would have killed the bill in the House, and doomed it in the Senate. Holding the votes together was tough.

Stephanie Klick stuck with me on every single vote. Here's an example: there was an amendment to allow 18 yr olds to carry a handgun in public with no license. It would have killed the bill. I know it, and the gun groups knew it too. We had counted the votes on this specific issue. After the bill passed the House, all the gun groups supported the bill without the 18 yr old provision. (Even the group that is now criticizing Stephanie!) That's why I asked Republicans to join me in voting down that amendment in order to save the bill. Now, that vote is being used in attack ads to label Stephanie as anti-gun, which is a lie. Integrity matters.

Stephanie Klick is rock solid on gun rights. So if someone says she's not, they are simply not being truthful. Vote for my friend Stephanie Klick. She's a solid conservative and the only candidate with a proven, documented record of voting in support of the Second Amendment.

Respectfully yours,

Rep. Matt Schaefer
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