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Dear Friend,

In times of turmoil, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is how we protect our families, our homes, our businesses, and our own lives. No politician should ever put those things in jeopardy, and no one who would deny our Constitutional rights should ever become a judge.

Protecting our Second Amendment rights has never been more important. This year, one candidate for Niagara County Judge poses a very real threat to the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. I know this because Caroline Wojtaszek chose to make me a felon for a technical violation of Andrew Cuomo's SAFE Act.

In 2017, after a routine traffic stop, I was charged with violating the SAFE Act—the most extreme gun control law in the USA. It is true that I had three 17-round magazines for the Glock pistol I owned to protect my family. I bought my Glock years before Andrew Cuomo and Caroline Wojtaszek made me a criminal over how many bullets it could hold, but that didn't matter. I am a felon simply because I kept the factory magazines that came with my defensive handgun.

Caroline Wojtaszek could have used her discretion. She wasn't required to prosecute me under the unconstitutional SAFE Act. As a father, I just wanted to keep my family safe. As a former 82nd Airborne Division soldier, I know how to handle a firearm safely. You probably do too.

Our liberal governor, Andrew Cuomo, passed the SAFE Act to make responsible gun owners into criminals, and anti-gun Caroline Wojtaszek followed his lead. She also prosecuted an 18-year-old guy from out-of-state as a felon because he failed to remove a .22-calibre pistol and fireworks from his car trunk. He was legally allowed to possess that gun in his state, but not in New York. Even the judge questioned why Caroline Wojtaszek tried to put this young man in jail and make him a felon. She commented, "This was a stupid, careless mistake... I see a young man from a good family who's never done anything wrong. I just don't have the heart to pile on. This is not a dangerous young man."

Now Wojtaszek, a "lifelong Democrat," wants to be our County Judge. She's an opportunist, so she is trying to claim that she won't enforce the SAFE Act anymore. No firearms owner should feel comfort from those words. Rioters and looters are destroying communities, torching private property, and assaulting the innocent. Caroline Wojtaszek's hostility to the Second Amendment is more dangerous than ever.

Please stand up for the Second Amendment. Whether you're a Republican, a Conservative, or a Libertarian, you get a say over who will be your party's candidate for County Judge. Please vote in the June 23rd primary. You can vote in person, or request a ballot to vote from home by calling the Board of Elections at 716-438-4040.

Our Constitutional freedoms are too important to risk Caroline Wojtaszek becoming judge.

Sincerely,

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