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National Rifle Association Switches Endorsement to Taylor Brown

The National Rifle Association has announced that they have switched their 2004 endorsement of incumbent Lane Larson (D-Lockwood) in Montana Senate District 22, to his 2008 challenger Taylor Brown (R-Huntley.) The nation's premier gun rights organization issued a letter to Brown's campaign notifying him of the endorsement in late August.

In that letter, Montana State Liaison Brian Judy stated that the NRA greatly appreciated Brown's strong support for the Second Amendment, and his working knowledge of the issues important to gun owners.

Four years ago, when Larson ran for the State Legislature for the first time, the NRA endorsed his candidacy. However, NRA officials now say that when Larson subsequently voted as a State Senator, he helped to kill legislation important to gun owners and NRA members. This past session for example, Larson voted against House Bill 340 that would have strengthened the right of self protection in Montana. Additionally, Larson voted against House Bill 343 which would have funded state participation in a pending lawsuit to remove wolves from the endangered species list.

On his campaign website www.VoteTaylorBrown.com, Brown's stated positions on gun rights indicate that he opposes firearm registration and state licensing of firearm owners, and that he feels the solution to violent crime is to enforce existing laws that punish criminals who use firearms and other weapons in the commission of crimes, not through taking away gun rights from individual citizens.

This is the first time that Brown has run for public office. The owner of the Northern Broadcasting System, Brown is known for his involvement in local schools, community issues, and regional agriculture.

Larson, an electrician from Lockwood, has completed one term in the State Senate.

