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Read for Yourself: Udall, Grisham Letters About Gun Control

Recently a friend of the New Mexico Gun Collectors Association wrote to U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham and Sen. Tom Udall about gun control issues. Our friend shared the replies with NMGCA and the two letters are printed here.

Our friend also wrote to Sen. Udall opposing the nomination of Caitlin Halligan, a New York attorney, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In late March, in the face of strong opposition, Ms. Halligan asked President Obama to withdraw her nomination which he did.

Udall Letter

January 24, 2013

Dear Smith,

Thank you for contacting me regarding gun control. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

The incomprehensible act of violence carried out at Sandy Hook Elementary School has left our nation with a profound sense of sorrow and questions about why these tragedies are occurring with increasing frequency. For answers, we must start by assessing our gun laws, how we treat mental illness in this country and the cultural desensitization towards violence. Meaningful action is clearly needed to protect our communities and to move forward. I believe that every idea should be on the table and will carefully consider any reasonable legislation that is crafted to help prevent future tragedies.

As Congress begins to consider related legislation, it is important to recognize that these debates often evoke strong responses because we are attempting to reconcile an individuals' constitutional rights with society's interest in maintaining public safety and combating crime. The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution secures the right of law-abiding Americans to keep and bear arms. I also believe that the Constitution gives us the right to own firearms for

the protection of self, family, and property, and for sporting purposes such as hunting and target shooting. For generations, many New Mexicans have exercised this right in a responsible way, and they should be able to continue to do so. However, I also recognize that our communities have an obligation to protect citizens from senseless gun violence.

As a former federal prosecutor and Attorney General of New Mexico, my firsthand experience with the numerous crimes committed with firearms led me to believe that these crimes are among the most heinous and should be prosecuted as forcefully as possible. During my time in Congress, I have introduced legislation to appoint an additional Assistant U.S. Attorney for each jurisdiction to be focused solely on prosecuting gun crimes.

President Obama has announced a White House task force led by Vice President Biden that will make recommendations on gun related violence. I look forward to receiving these proposals. I am hopeful that working together we will achieve sensible solutions. Please be assured that I will keep your thoughts in mind as Congress looks for ways to address this issue and prevent this type of violence.

Very truly yours,

/S/

Tom Udall

United States Senator

Grisham Letter

January 30, 2013

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you so much for contacting my office about gun violence prevention. The massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in which 20 children and 6 adults were murdered reminds us about the incredible toll that gun violence takes on the lives of Americans. Approximately 33 Americans are murdered with guns every day—that is more than 12,000 people every year. Gun violence is truly a nation-wide problem and it prompts us to re-examine both our country's mental health system and how we keep guns from falling into the hands of dangerous individuals.

This is an extremely complicated issue, and the vast majority of gun owners are law-biding and responsible. However, I believe we can do more to stop criminals from getting guns while protecting the rights

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The NMGCA is offering one discount table to new vendors at the introductory rate of \$25.00 for our June, or October Gun Shows or the August Old West and Military Show. (Additional tables would be at the normal member or non-member rates per table.)

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of citizens to freely own them. I firmly believe that both Republicans and Democrats can work together to find common-sense solutions that will decrease gun violence without compromising the second Amendment.

For example, countless guns are sold in the U.S. without a criminal background check. Criminals, felons, people suffering from mental illness, and other potentially dangerous individuals can easily purchase firearms without a criminal background check, if they buy it from a private seller. I think most Americans would agree that this puts our families and loved-ones at risk, and I support a universal criminal background check system.

It is my honor to serve the 1st Congressional District of New Mexico, and again, thank you for contacting me. Your thoughts and comments on this issue are important to my work as your representative in Congress. As I conduct my legislative business in Washington, D.C., I think about constituents like you every day. I hope to stay in touch with you on this issue, and please contact my office if I or my staff can assist you in any way.

Sincerely Yours,

/S/

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Member of Congress

Second
Place, "New
Mexico
Museum
of Military
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First Place, "The Ruger Pistol – The American Connection;"



Udall Letter Re: Halligan

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the nomination of Caitlin Halligan to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

President Obama first nominated Judge Halligan on September 29, 2010. When her nomination was not heard during the 111th Congress, Judge Halligan was nominated once again on January 5, 2011. She appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 2, 2011, to testify and respond to questions and concerns from members of the committee. The Judiciary Committee then voted favorably on Judge Halligan's nomination and reported the nomination to the full Senate on March 10, 2011. However, Judge Halligan's nomination was blocked when a procedural motion requiring 60 votes to end debate failed to pass on December 6, 2011, by a vote of 54-45. I voted to end the filibuster of Judge Halligan, but after failing to get the necessary votes, the nomination was then returned to President Obama.

On June 11, 2012, President Obama again nominated Judge Halligan, but the nomination was returned to the President when Congress agreed to adjourn from August 2 through September 10, 2012. President Obama nominated Judge Halligan for the fourth time on September 9, 2012, at which time it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. However, the nomination was once again returned to President Obama on January 3, 2013, when no further action was taken on the nomination prior to the adjournment of the 112th Congress. Finally, President Obama nominated Judge Halligan on January 4, 2013, at the start of the 113th Con-

gress. The nomination was referred to the Judiciary Committee, which reported it favorably to the full Senate. Unfortunately, Judge Halligan's nomination continues to be blocked. On March 6, 2013, the nomination was unable to overcome a 60 vote threshold to end the filibuster. The nomination is still before the Senate, however, due to a motion to reconsider the vote.

Judge Halligan is a graduate of Princeton University and Georgetown Law School, and has a distinguished record as a litigator, as an appellate advocate, and as a public servant. She has served as the Solicitor General of the State of New York and currently serves as the General Counsel of the New York County District Attorney's Office. Additionally, Judge Halligan has argued five cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, a high honor in the judicial field. Her nomination has repeatedly been blocked because a small minority of senators who have raised concerns over her views on Second Amendment issues, especially as related to firearms manufacturers' liability. However, I support her nomination

because I believe Judge Halligan is well-qualified and has accrued an impressive record of achievement, both as a private attorney and as a public servant, over the course of her legal career.

As a member of the Senate, I have been involved in the confirmation hearings of many excellent nominees. I take this responsibility very seriously, and I support Judge Halligan's nomination for the D.C. Circuit.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns regarding any federal issue by visiting my website at www.tomudall.senate.gov. For more information, you may also visit my Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Senator-Tom-Udall/106433512869> and receive up to the minute updates through my Twitter page at <http://twitter.com/senatortomudall>.

Very truly yours,

/S/

Tom Udall

United States Senator



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2013 SHOW CALENDAR GUN SHOWS

June 1st and 2nd October 5th and 6th

Albuquerque Old West and Military Show:

August 3rd & 4th

MINI SHOWS*

April 24th June 26th

August 28th October 23rd

*Mini Shows are free and open to the public. New Location for Mini Shows: The NMGCA Mini Shows for 2013 will be held at the Quality Inn and Suites, 25 Hotel Circle (close to Lomas and Eubank).

NMGCA March Gun Show

The March Gun Show was very successful. Thanks to the Gun Show Host and crew and to all the volunteers for a job well done. Thanks, also, to those who set up displays and to the judges who gave of their time to evaluate them.

March 2013 Show Display Winners

The following displays won awards at the March Gun Show: First Place, "The Ruger Pistol – The American Connection"; Best Educational, "Browning M1919 A4 Machine Gun"; Second Place, "New Mexico Museum of Military History"; Third Place, "With a Little Bit of Help from my Friends"; Honorable Mentions, "Whitney the Last 20 Years", "Civil War in New Mexico", and "Arms of the United Kingdom".