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The Honorable Mike Fisher
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RE: Concealed Firearm Permit Reciprocity between Pennsylvania and Georgia

Dear General Fisher:

Thank you for your efforts and those of your staff in working to achieve handgun permit reciprocity between your State and the State of Georgia. I certainly appreciate the information that your staff has provided to my Office, as well as your willingness to help us as we have evaluated this important decision.

I have carefully reviewed and considered the information that you and your staff have kindly forwarded to my office, including the relevant Pennsylvania and Georgia statutes. As you are aware, Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 16-11-128(c) provides for reciprocal recognition of firearm permits issued by a sister State that "recognize and give effect" to Georgia permits. Moreover, Pennsylvania law clearly indicates that the Pennsylvania Attorney General may enter into reciprocity agreements providing for the mutual recognition of each state's license to carry a firearm.

Based upon the foregoing, I am pleased to conclude that reciprocity between our two states can be achieved. Therefore, effective December 15, 2002, Georgia will recognize Pennsylvania firearm permits, as you have indicated by letter that you will recognize Georgia permits upon that date.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review this important issue for the citizens of our two states. I look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (404) 656-3300.

Sincerely,

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RE: Handgun Permit Reciprocity between Pennsylvania and Georgia

Dear General Baker:

Thank you for your efforts and those of your staff in working to achieve handgun permit reciprocity between your State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I certainly appreciate the information that your staff has provided to my Office, as well as your willingness to help as we have evaluated this important decision.

Pennsylvania law provides for reciprocal recognition of firearms permits issued by other States that recognize Pennsylvania permits.

In establishing reciprocity between our states,

1.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will recognize valid permits to carry concealed firearms held by Georgia permit holders while said permit holders are present in Pennsylvania.

2.

The State of Georgia will recognize valid Pennsylvania licenses to carry concealed firearms by Pennsylvania permit holders while said permit holders are present in the State of Georgia.

3.

Reciprocity applies only to the carrying of firearms by valid license holders and not to other types of weapons.

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4.

The State of Georgia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having provided each other with copies of their current laws regarding concealed weapon licenses, will provide each other with notification regarding substantive changes to such laws.

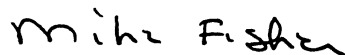
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Reciprocity will only remain effective as long as the statutory authority in each state authorizing reciprocity remains current law.

Based upon the foregoing, I am pleased to conclude that reciprocity between our two states can be achieved. Therefore, effective November 15, 2002, Pennsylvania will recognize Georgia handgun licenses, if you or the appropriate member of your staff will indicate by letter or other communication that Georgia will recognize and give effect to Pennsylvania firearm permits.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review this important issue for the citizens of our two states. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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