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Mr. Alan Korwin **Bloomfield Press** 4848 E. Cactus Rd. #505-440 Scottsdale, AZ 85254-4163

Dear Alan:

The idea behind National Training Week, to recognize and exercise our rights under the Second Amendment, is a clear example of the freedoms we enjoy in our nation, and I support it wholeheartedly.

It is a fitting tribute to the Founding Fathers of our country to encourage Americans to visit shooting ranges and practice during the week surrounding Independence Day. This endeavor will show support for the rights and principles that have made this nation a beacon of freedom, and advance the critically important cause of gun safety. The organizers of this designation justifiably point out the poetic parallels between freedom, fireworks, and firearms.

The ranges that cooperate by allowing free firearm rentals for newcomers and others provide a service they can be proud of. I look forward to firing ranges nationwide filled with Americans exercising their right to bear arms during the week we celebrate our break from tyranny.

I am proud to encourage all Arizonans and all Americans to take some time from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup> this year, and with family and friends, go to a range for some practice and an enjoyable experience. I understand trainers will be on hand to help novices and even accomplished marksmen improve their skills. A nation of trained, competent and safe gun owners is a strong nation, and one that recognizes and respects its time-tested traditions of the right to keep and bear arms.

I commend the idea, started in Arizona, to lead the efforts to make this a widely celebrated and ongoing tradition in the freest nation on Earth. I look forward to seeing my fellow citizens at the range.

Sincerely.

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