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Mr. Alan Korwin 4848 East Cactus Road, # 505-440 Scottsdale, AZ 85254-4163

Dear Alan,

I think the idea behind National Training Week, to recognize and exercise our rights under the Second Amendment, is superb and I support it wholeheartedly.

By encouraging Americans to go to shooting ranges and practice during the week surrounding the Fourth of July, we honor the founding of our nation. We show support for the rights and principles that have made this nation the linchpin of freedom, and importantly, advance the cause of gun safety so critically important to an armed populace. The obvious parallels between freedom, fireworks and firearms are poetic.

The ranges that cooperate by allowing free firearm rentals for newcomers and others do a service they can be proud of, and for which the nation owes them a debt of gratitude. What could be better than to have firing ranges nationwide packed to overflowing during the week we celebrate our break from tyranny?

I personally encourage all Americans to take some time from July 4 to July 11 this year, and with family and friends, go to a range for some practice and a wholesome good time. 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, one that recognizes and respects its time-tested traditions of the right to keep and bear arms. A culture of marksmanship in a nation of marksmen honors the goals and memory of our Founding Fathers.

I hope to personally make some time myself to participate in National Training Week, and look forward to seeing my fellow citizens at the range.

The nation can thank Arizona for leading the effort to make this a widely celebrated and ongoing tradition in the freest nation on Earth.

Sincerely,

David Schweikert Member of Congress