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The Honorable Lance Gooden Lance Gooden for Congress P.O. Box 2125 Terrell, TX 75160

Dear Representative Gooden:

On behalf of our five million members across the country, The National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) is proud to endorse your candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in the May 22, 2018, Republican primary runoff election in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas.

As an ardent supporter and defender of the Second Amendment and based on your leadership on Second Amendment issues in the Texas House of Representatives, you have earned an "A" rating from NRA-PVF. An "A" rating is reserved for a solidly pro-gun legislator who has supported NRA positions on key votes and issues.

NRA members and gun owners appreciate that during your time in the Texas Legislature, you consistently voted to strengthen Second Amendment rights in Texas. To that end, you voted for legislation that prohibited employers from restricting the rights of law-abiding employees to store firearms in their locked, private vehicles while parked at work. You also cosponsored open carry legislation. Most recently, you voted to reduce the cost of acquiring a license to carry a handgun.

In addition, you have also stated your support for Right-to-Carry reciprocity legislation, which would ensure that the nearly 20 million law-abiding Americans who can carry a concealed firearm in their home state are able to do so in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry.

Finally, we thank you for opposing the Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi and Michael Bloomberg agenda of banning firearms, ammunition and magazines, and creating a so-called "universal" background check system that would criminalize the private transfer of firearms, which is only enforceable through federal firearms registration.

Congratulations on your "A" rating and endorsement, and thank you for your steadfast support of the Second Amendment. Good luck with your campaign, and we look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely

Jason Ouimet

Managing Director, Federal Affairs