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Subject: 2nd Amendment Concerns for your candidacy I need answers on

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Sir,

As a retired Federal Officer ( Ordnance Specialist for US Customs) and former Small Arms Test Director at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. I feel that CWP Program in SC needs to be changed to permitless carry like eleven other states have enacted. I fail to understand why only one Southern State (Mississippi) has passed such to date and the permit system in SC is only in place as a money generator.

I was a SC CWP instructor and I put 66 people through my classes WITH NO CHARGE then SLED decides that instructors should also pay not only for their permits to carry but pay to teach others which made it quite clear it is a money generator for the state which I feel violates the 2nd Amendment to require someone to pay the state for their rights.

I did not renew my instructors credentials for the third time when the state wanted \$100.00 from me to teach a free class where I even supplied the range and the targets and even the handguns to take the course. In my application the first line of my course stated in effect "that no one will be charged for taking my course or using my range."

All I wanted students to supply was their ammo, ear and eye protection. I supplied the targets and let them use my range. In my classes 65 of the 66 I put through fired 98 or 100. How was this possible? I made sure no one fired the qualification course until they had shot enough to have seven out of ten shots inside or touch a 1" black dot at 7 yards. The one that did not just barely qualified because the pistol she had was not reliable and kept malfunctioning and she could not get all her shots off in the time allotted and she insisted on using it. My first graduate was 78 and she had only fired a handgun one round in her life when she was 15. She is now approaching 90 and still has her gun. She was a hoot as I had to promise not to tell her granddaughter (Game Warden or her husband Trooper) that she had a CWP! !

My course was unique. No class had over six people as I wanted to give personal attention to each shooter as they fired.

In my classes the first half was lecture on the plus and minus aspects of handgun designs and ammunition selections which I supported by recounting actual shootings as I knew the personnel that were involved either in the shootings or the investigations. The second half was on the range.

I recently let a church group utilize my facility as they had a large CWP class of 32 and the preacher called me and asked if they could use my range. I agreed and rebuilt my target system and assisted their instructor to get them through.

It irritated me to know the state was the beneficiary of thousands of dollars just so these church folks could exercise their right to keep and BEAR arms.

As a result I feel I cannot support any political candidate that agrees that law abiding people have to pay for their rights to keep and bear arms.

I would hope you feel the same.

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