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The Honorable Chris Koster  
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Dear Attorney General Koster:

On behalf of the National Rifle Association's Political Victory Fund, I am pleased to announce your "A" rating and endorsement for Governor in the 2016 Missouri General Election. This endorsement is a reflection of your long history of supporting the Second Amendment rights and the hunting heritage of Missourians.

Your long-standing support for Second Amendment-related issues and NRA members goes back over 17 years. In 1999, you were the only county prosecutor to publicly endorse and appear in news events and media commercials supporting the right-to-carry referendum, Proposition B. During the historic 2003 Right-to-Carry legislative fight, you unapologetically advocated again that citizens should have the right to carry a firearm for self-defense.

In 2005, after your election to the Missouri Senate, you voted to streamline the Right-to-Carry permit process. Your vote helped to end an 18 monthlong legal battle that limited which counties issued permits and which citizens could carry a firearm for self-defense.

Also during your tenure in the Senate, you voted for additional legislation that provided Missourians with the opportunity to defend themselves, their families and property. You also helped expand and strengthen Missouri's time-honored traditions of hunting and shooting for generations to come. In 2007, you were instrumental in the passage of the following legislation: the Emergency Powers Act that prohibits elected officials from limiting the possession and use of firearms during a declared emergency; Missouri's Castle Doctrine that allows citizens to protect themselves and their families in their home, business or other location they reside in; the repeal of the Permit-to-Acquire-a-Pistol; and the Hunting Heritage Protection Act.

In 2008, you voted to protect shooting ranges and hunting preserves from frivolous lawsuits, legalized the ownership of firearm suppressors, protected gun owner privacy rights by sealing and destroying Permit-to-Acquire paperwork, and ended a six-month residency requirement for residents to obtain a Right-to-Carry permit.

Following your election as Missouri's Attorney General, you continued your support of Second Amendment rights by joining more than 11 amicus briefs in support or defense of citizens' Second Amendment Rights, including the landmark *McDonald v. City of Chicago* case. In 2014, you also campaigned for Amendment 5, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Campaign, which amended Missouri's Constitution to ensure the strongest possible protection against any proposed restrictions to your fundamental firearm rights. Furthermore, as Attorney General, you fought back and won against frivolous legal attempts by anti-gun, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, City of St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson, and Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker to undermine and destroy Amendment 5 and the future of Second Amendment rights in Missouri.

In May of this year, just after passage of SB 656, Missouri's strongest self-defense legislation since 2003, you publicly supported this legislation in defiance of Governor Jay Nixon's opposition and stated that you "...haven't heard anything that would cause me to think that the governor should veto it."

On behalf of NRA members in Missouri, I thank you for never wavering from your Second Amendment beliefs. As you know, your long and distinguished Second Amendment record is greatly appreciated by your fellow NRA members in Missouri and the United States of America. Please feel free to communicate your rating and endorsement to the voters of Missouri as you see fit.

I wish you the best of luck in your campaign and look forward to a future partnership with you to advance the interests of Missouri's law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris W. Cox", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris W. Cox  
Chairman