

# TALKING POINTS - FACT SHEET TLM QUICK FACTS

- \*According to ATA, there are 3.5 million truck drivers in the USA.
- \*Over 9 million Americans total working in the industry, including those drivers.
- \*Over 21,000 truckers have embraced the TLM movement in the past three weeks.
- \*Nearly 12,000 gun supporters signed our 2014 petition to Congress.
- \*Over 6,000 gun supporters have signed our current petition to NRA started in 2015.
- \*TRUCKER LIVES MATTER is a duly registered DBA of the Small Business in Transportation Coalition ("SBTC"), a 501(c)(6) transportation industry trade group that has over 5,700 dues-paying members.



# TALKING POINTS - FACT SHEET THE TLM NRA MEMBERSHIP POLL RESULTS

Over the Jan. 28/29 2017 weekend, we asked our TLM members:

"If the NRA were to issue a statement supporting the Michael's Law Amendment (not just support "the right" it seeks to protect but actually ENDORSE the TLM movement's pro-gun bill) that is outlined on http://www.TruckerLivesMatter.com what would be your reaction?"

Over 500 truckers took the poll and answered as follows:

I would become a dues-paying member of the NRA 339 votes 67% I would remain a dues-paying member of the NRA 123 votes 25% I would still not be interested in the NRA 41 votes 8%

So, 92% are looking at whether NRA will endorse the Michael's Law Amendment when making their decisions to join the NRA or renew their NRA membership. Although we cannot determine the scientific validity and statistical accuracy of this poll, we can state that as we watched the number of respondents grow from 100 to 500, the percentages did not change beyond 1%, so we believe we can conclude that this is a fair sampling of the larger pool of 3.5 million drivers in the USA and that we can reasonably extrapolate from this poll that there seems to be a strong direct correlation between NRA supporting our efforts and their membership applications increasing.



### TALKING POINTS - FACT SHEET DISPELLING TLM MYTHS

Myth 1: Fed Regs prohibit carrying of firearms in CMVs

There is no such Federal regulation. See our website FAQ for more information.

Myth 2: Trucker Lives Matter is a movement that only seeks to protect the gun rights of truckers.

Some folks don't understand we are currently talking about a Plan B bill.

Michael's Law Amendment is not the same as the original Mike's Law.

Michael's Law Amendment actually applies to ALL AMERICANS, not just truckers.

Our original 2014 Mike's Law bill would have created a business carry permit for Americans working in Interstate Commerce.

NRA objected to (1) special carve out; and (2) gun permitting leading to gun registration leading to confiscation.

So, we listened to NRA members, went back to the drawing board, and started all over from scratch.

We created Plan B the Michael's Law Amendment to address the NRA and NRA membership's concerns.



# TALKING POINTS - FACT SHEET TLM MICHAEL'S LAW AMENDMENT FACT SHEET

Michael's Law Amendment is a PRO GUN Federal legislative effort that 'tweeks' an existing Federal statute already on the books called "Interstate Transportation of Firearms" (18 U.S.C. 926A). Michael's Law Amendment has two parts that would essentially do four things:

- 1. Michael's Law Amendment makes the distinction between merely "possessing" a locked, unloaded firearm only for the purpose of transporting it... and actually carrying a firearm in a loaded, readily-accessible capacity for self-defense purposes. Currently, 926A neither authorizes nor prohibits the "carrying" of firearms interstate; it just speaks to "possession" for the purpose of transporting it unloaded and locked up.
- 2. Michael's Law Amendment makes it a Federal Law to be able to CARRY from one state to another state. Without the need for a permit at all. It essentially just reaffirms the Second Amendment and is a declaration of all American citizens' right to CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY from state-to-state.
- 3. Michael's Law Amendment preempts a state's ability to regulate the carrying of firearms by an American citizen who is entering their state, leaving their state or passing through their state pursuant to Federal authority under the Commerce Clause.
- 4. Michael's Law Amendment, in accordance with the 10th Amendment, respects a state's right to regulate its own residents who choose to live, work, and travel point-to-point within that state's boundaries. But that right stops once another state is introduced into the equation, again, as a matter of Federal authority to regulate commerce between the states.



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#### THE MICHAEL'S LAW AMENDMENT

(This is the entire text of the TLM proposal)

### 18 U.S. Code 926A; (Renamed): Interstate possession, transportation and carrying of firearms...

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of any Federal law or any Federal rule, a person who is an American citizen and is not otherwise prohibited by this chapter from possessing, carrying, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm shall be entitled to carry on his person in a loaded, readily-accessible capacity and transport a firearm for any lawful purpose from any place in any state to any other place in a different state in accordance with the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- (2) FEDERAL PREEMPTION The states are hereby preempted from regulating firearms that are transported into, out of, or through their state by a person who is an American citizen and is not a resident of that state, regardless of whether or not the firearm is carried in a loaded, readily-accessible capacity, pursuant to the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.