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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

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The Honorable Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor of Boston  
City Hall  
One City Hall Plaza  
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

Dear Mayor Menino,

Thank you for your recent letter on the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 822). I always appreciate your input as a mayor in our Commonwealth, especially when it comes to formulating important policies during these very challenging times.

As you may know, I support the individual right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. I also believe that individual states should be allowed to decide what constitutes safe and responsible gun ownership so long as it does not violate that basic constitutional right.

Under the proposed House legislation, a national concealed carry reciprocity amendment would obligate states like Massachusetts to recognize the concealed carry permits of other states, even if the bearer of that permit does not meet the requirements established by Massachusetts to receive such a concealed carry permit. I believe that the people of Massachusetts are best positioned to decide what is best for Massachusetts. Therefore, if H.R. 822 or similar legislation comes before the Senate, I will vote no.

Thank you for your outreach and advocacy on this critical issue for Massachusetts and the country. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get back in touch with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott P. Brown".

Scott P. Brown  
United States Senator