Pro-CCW Quotes

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"I lobbied against the law in 1993 and 1995 because I thought it would lead to wholesale armed conflict. That hasn't happened. All the horror stories I thought would come to pass didn't happen. No bogeyman. I think it's worked out well, and that says good things about the citizens who have permits. I'm a convert."

Glenn White, president of the Dallas Police Association

"I'm detecting that I'm eating a lot of crow on this issue. It isn't something I necessarily like to do, but I am doing it on this."

Harris County [Texas] District Attorney John Holmes

"Some of the public safety concerns which we imagined or anticipated a couple of years ago, to our pleasant surprise, have been unfounded or mitigated."

Fairfax County VA Police Major Bill Brown, The Alexandria Journal, 7/9/97

"I was wrong. But I'm glad to say I was wrong."

Arlington County VA Police Detective Paul Larson, previously an opponent of Right to Carry, The Alexandria Journal, 7/9/97

"The concerns I had - with more guns on the street, folks may be more apt to square off against one another with weapons - we haven't experienced that."

Charlotte-Mecklenburg NC Police Chief Dennis Nowicki, The News and Observer, 11/24/97

"From a law enforcement perspective, the licensing process has not resulted in problems in the community from people arming themselves with concealed weapons."

Commissioner James T. Moore, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Memo to the Governor, 3/15/95

"To set the record straight... The process is working... The statistics show a majority of concealed firearms or firearm licensees are honest, law-abiding citizens exercising their right to be armed for the purpose of lawful self defense."

Sandra B. Mortham, Florida Secretary of State

"As we have seen in other states and had predicted would occur in Texas, all the fears of the naysayers have not come to fruition. A lot of critics argued that the law-abiding citizens

couldn't be trusted... But the facts do speak for themselves. None of these horror stories have materialized."

Sheriff David Williams, Tarrant County, TX, Fort Worth Telegram, 7/17/96

"Virginia has not turned into Dodge City. We have not seen a problem."

Virginia Public Safety Secretary Jerry Kilgore, The Fredricksburg Freelance Star, 2/2/96

"Allowing citizens to carry concealed firearms deters violent crimes and it appears to produce no increase in accidental deaths. If those states which did not have right to carry concealed gun provisions had adopted them in 1992, approximately 1,570 murders, 4,177 rapes and over 60,000 aggravated assaults would have been avoided yearly."

Professor John R. Lott, Jr., and David B. Mustard, University of Chicago

"The facts are in and the record is clear: Right to Carry gives law enforcement, their families and our communities real protection from violent criminals."

James J. Fotis, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Alliance of America.