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VICTORY! Senator Kathy Marchione proudly announces that the Saratoga Gun Show (NEACA Arms Fair) will return to the Saratoga Springs City Center this May

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**Halfmoon, NY**– Senator Kathy Marchione (R,C,I,Reform-Halfmoon), Chair of the Senate’s Local Government Committee, and leading Second Amendment advocate in the New York State Senate, today proudly announced that the Saratoga Gun show, aka, the New Eastcoast Arms Collectors Associates (NEACA, Inc.) Gun Show and Military Exposition, will return to the Saratoga Springs City Center May 26, 27 and 28 of this year.

Last summer and early fall, Senator Marchione led a grassroots petition drive to build support among Capital Region gun owners for the Saratoga Gun Show remaining at the Saratoga Springs City Center after learning from the event organizer, NEACA President David Petronis, that 2016 could be the show’s last year.

Fueled by petitions circulated at the August 2016 Saratoga Gun Show, on-line at the Senator's website GoKathyGo.org, and Facebook page, 2,464 individuals signed Senator Marchione's petition to try and save the Saratoga Gun Show in just a few weeks. In addition, Senator Marchione addressed the Saratoga Springs City Center Authority Board in October, personally delivering signed petitions and asking members to re-consider their decision in recognition of the Saratoga Gun Show's 32-year proven track record of being safe, providing citizens an opportunity to exercise their Second Amendment rights and supporting the City's economy.

"For 32 years, the Saratoga Gun Show has been a tradition and an important part of our Saratoga community. Since 1984, hundreds of thousands of proud, patriotic gun owners have walked through the doors of the Saratoga Springs City Center, visited the Gun Show, exercised their God-given Second Amendment rights and supported our local economy," Senator Marchione said.

“That’s why I’m thrilled to announce that, after months of facing an uncertain future, the Saratoga Gun Show will return to the Saratoga Springs City Center this coming May 26, 27 and 28. This is a wonderful victory for gun owners and for our Second Amendment. I am truly proud of the success of our grassroots petition drive to save the Saratoga Gun Show. It’s crystal clear that our actions and advocacy spoke louder than words, had a real impact and helped keep the gun show right here in Saratoga. This is a terrific result and I want to thank NEACA President David Petronis, members of the City Center Authority Board and, most of all, the 2,464 people who signed our petition and made this victory possible,” Senator Marchione said.

“By leading this successful grassroots effort to ensure that our gun show continued to have a home at the City Center, Senator Kathy Marchione proved herself a true patriot who delivered real results for gun owners. Kathy didn’t just talk about saving our show; she moved mountains and got it done. When we were down, and counted out, lots of people wrote us off – and nobody stepped up as Kathy Marchione did to fight and save our show. Nobody. As the President of the NEACA, I’ve personally lived this fight. While it’s sad that some anti-Second Amendment politicians in the City did everything they could to try to drive away our show, Kathy Marchione stood up and did the work. Gun owners like me are proud to have a friend like Senator Kathy Marchione in our corner fighting for us,” said David Petronis, President, New Eastcoast Arms Collectors Associates (NEACA, Inc.) Gun Show and Military Exposition.

This fall, the National Rifle Association’s Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) once again rated Senator Kathy Marchione A+ – the NRA-PVF’s highest possible rating – for her proven legislative and voting record of supporting and defending the right to keep and bear arms.

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