



Dear Community Members, Sportsmen and Friends/Editors:

Several months ago, the Commonwealth Foundation for Policy Alternatives requested to rent our facility for their LiveFreePA event. Having made our rental facility available to this organization for their inaugural event last year, we were willing to do so again this year.

As details concerning the specific activities planned for this occasion were made known to us, the Elstonville Sportsmen's Association subsequently determined that they would be incompatible with the aims, principles and responsibilities of our organization. Ours is a non-political private club made up of members who, in the best traditions of a free society, hold a wide range of philosophical views. Therefore we believe that it is in the best interests of all our members to avoid participation in events which might lead to inaccurate and unfair conclusions about the nature, aims and purpose of our association. Fundamentally, we are committed to the principles of good sportsmanship, the responsible use of firearms, and personal accountability -- aims we hold in common with the National Rifle Association.

We are also a strong supporter of the U.S. Constitution including its Second Amendment.

We are proud of our long traditions of supporting our community and the sports we love, our commitment to local and national charities, and our sponsorship of youth events and educational programs. In the years ahead, we look forward to continuing these traditions and upholding standards that reflect credit upon our association and its members.

President, Vice President and Board of Director's of Elstonville Sportsmen's Association