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Hello Florida Sport Shooting Association (FSSA) Members,

Thank you for your membership and support of the FSSA. I am pleased that we have received many new memberships and that many of our members continue to renew their memberships. The opportunity for FSSA to continue to support our juniors, our special programs and our teams at the various national championships is all due to FSSA member support.

While our members provide the financial support necessary to carry out the business of FSSA, it's our officers and directors that ensure your state association continues to carry out its responsibilities and provide support to our various shooting programs. Thank you to all of our officers and directors for your dedication to FSSA and your work in making FSSA a better organization.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or any of our officers and directors with any questions or comments, or for any discipline specific information. We're here to serve our members and our member clubs. Contact information can be found on the FSSA's website; <http://www.flssa.org/Contact>.

By now your mailboxes continue to be filled with various campaign announcements. Turn on the TV and you'll likely see a political announcement for one or more candidates. Early voting has started and soon election day will be here. I encourage you all to carefully review the candidates at the local, state and national level and where they stand on the issues. Our rights to own, transport and shoot our favorite firearms continues to be under assault. Please take the time to be informed, then make the time to go vote...and bring someone with you. I am amazed at how important one vote can be. Pro gun voters can and do make a difference...when they get out and vote.

As I mentioned earlier, a significant portion of your membership dues allows FSSA to continue to actively support junior shooters and junior shooting programs, as well as shooting orientation programs for women, and support our state teams at the national championships. Thus far this year, FSSA was pleased to award grants to three shooters attending the USA Shooting Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs, CO, one shooter who attended the Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, and finally one shooter who attended the USA Shooting National championships in Ft. Benning, GA. FSSA was a significant sponsor of Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club's "Ladies Day at the Range" in April. Over 400 women participated in this fun and informative day of shooting. FSSA will again be a sponsor for Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club's annual "Ladies Day" in November, where it is anticipated that nearly 100 women will participate. Finally, FSSA was able to assist our state teams at the NRA National Pistol Championships as well as the CMP's National Rifle Championships. I look forward to hearing from our individual and team shooters and sharing their accomplishments with you on our FSSA website and via Face Book.

The FSSA Directors are optimistic about the Association's ability to continue supporting and promoting events and shooters; and we are also hoping to expand our grant program to include more individuals and clubs.

But we need your help to continue to support Florida's shooters and our clubs.

(1) **Renew:** Please renew your FSSA membership, and consider upgrading. Your dues make it possible for the Association to continue to provide grants for our individual shooters, support state championships, help fund our teams during national championship events and provide support to special firearms related programs, such as "Ladies Day at the Range".

(2) **Spread the word:** Talk to your shooting friends and encourage them to join FSSA. Talk to your clubs and ask them to affiliate with FSSA, if they are not already.

(3) **Check out FSSA's website and Face Book page:** Let our webmaster or discipline directors know what's going on at your club. Do you have a good shooting story to tell? Let us know and send pictures.

(4) **Get Involved:** The FSSA Board of Directors is made up of FSSA members. If you have some time, have a passion for shooting, and want to contribute to improving shooting in Florida, please consider becoming a member of the FSSA Board of Directors. I, or any of our Directors are happy to answer your questions about the Board. There are open spots for election next January, and we could sure use your help and ideas to improve the FSSA. Please give it some consideration and let any one of the Board members know if you're interested.

(4) **Donate:** FSSA is a not for profit organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent provided by the current laws and regulations. Our website has a link for FSSA members and non members to make a charitable contribution to our state association. Please consider a donation at: <http://www.flssa.org>, then click the link "Make a donation to FSSA". The donation can be designated to any of our discipline programs, our junior activities or our general fund.

Finally, I invite you to mark your calendar for Saturday, January 26, 2019. FSSA's annual member's meeting will be held at the American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville. We will be sending out more information later this year. We will also be soliciting your vote for election/reelection of FSSA directors. Please drop me a line if you are interested, or know someone who may be interested in being a part of the board of directors of your state association.

I wish you all Good Shooting,

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