

“NRA”
Ad Back-Up
Tim Walz For Congress
Radio (:60)

SCRIPT	FACTS
<p>ANNCR: Tim Walz. A gun owner, he grew up hunting, and spent 24 years in the Army National Guard. Now in Congress, Tim’s stood up time and time again for the Constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen. It’s why the NRA gave Tim an “A” rating.</p> <p>Chris Cox from the National Rifle Association:</p> <p>COX: The NRA political victory fund is proud to endorse Tim Walz for re-election to Congress. Tim’s been a strong supporter of our Second Amendment freedom and our hunting heritage.</p> <p>ANNCR: Tim Walz. He’s fought to end unnecessary restrictions on firearms...</p> <p>And supported the Supreme Court decision upholding our right to own guns and defend ourselves...</p> <p>TIM: I’m Tim Walz. You know, growing up hunting taught me a lot about responsibility and respect. Lessons I hope to pass on to my kids. I’m proud to stand with the NRA to protect the rights of sportsmen and gun owners. That’s why I approve this message.</p> <p>ANNCR: Tim Walz. He works for us.</p> <p>Paid for by Walz for Congress.</p>	<p><u>FACT: Walz Grew Up Hunting.</u></p> <p>Walz Said He Grew Up Hunting. Walz said, “I grew up hunting and spent 24 years in the Army National Guard. I know how important Second Amendment rights are to the people of southern Minnesota. I’m proud to stand with the NRA to protect our Second Amendment rights, and I’m truly grateful for their endorsement.” [NRA Political Victory Fund Press Release, 9/9/08]</p> <p><u>FACT: Walz Was A 24 Year National Guard Member.</u></p> <p>Walz Has 24 Year National Guard History. Congressman Walz was in the Nebraska National Guard from 1981-1996 and the Minnesota National Guard from 1996-2005. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 11/11/06; Politico, 1/24/07]</p> <p><u>FACT: NRA Gave Walz “A” Rating.</u></p> <p>NRA Endorsed Walz. It was reported, “NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said Walz got the nod over Demmer because the NRA has "an incumbent friendly policy" when a race features two candidates with ‘A’ grades. In a release, the NRA cited Walz’s vote in favor of legislation allowing people to carry guns in national parks, as well as a legal brief he signed onto backing gun rights in District of Columbia vs. Heller, the 2008 Supreme Court case that overturned a firearms ban in the nation’s capital.” [Star Tribune blog, 10/4/10]</p> <p>NRA Gave Walz an “A” Rating. In a 2008, Chris W. Cox, Chairman of NRA-PVF stated, “Because of his unwavering pro-gun support, Tim Walz</p>

earned an 'A' rating and an endorsement from NRA-PVF." [NRA Political Victory Fund Press Release, [9/9/08](#)]

FACT: Walz Supported Gun Owner Rights.

Walz Said Gun Ownership Was A Basic Right. Shortly after the Supreme Courts decision on gun ownerships, Walz stated gun ownership was a basic right. "Gun ownership is a basic right in America, not to be infringed upon by anyone or any government entity," Walz said in a written statement. "... It is a victory that gun-owners, hunters, sportsmen and everyday Americans waited too long for." [Mankato Free Press, 6/27/08]

Walz Co-Sponsored Legislation That Would Repeal D.C.'s Gun Laws. Walz co-sponsored legislation that "would repeal the city's ban on semiautomatic weapons and handgun ammunition, as well as criminal penalties for carrying a firearm in one's home. District residents would be authorized to purchase handguns, while sawed-off shotguns, machine guns and short-barreled rifles would remain illegal." [HR 6691, introduced 7/31/08, signed on 7/31/08]

Walz Signed Friend-of-Court Brief Opposing D.C. Gun Law. Walz, along with 300 other members of Congress, signed a friend-of-court brief that was sent to the Supreme Court urging the justices to oppose the strict D.C. gun law legislation.[Star Tribune, 2/9/08]