

MUCC Policy Board Members,

Hello! My name is Jack Ammerman and I have submitted two resolution proposals for your consideration. Both of these proposals deal with firearm issues, and I realize that not everyone is comfortable with or familiar with firearms, Michigan firearm laws, or both. Therefore, I would like to provide an explanation of these resolutions.

The first proposed resolution seeks to rescind MUCC language from forty four years ago when the majority of vehicles had trunks. Today, more than 70% of all vehicles on the road do not have trunks (with SUVs and pickup trucks leading the pack.) To reference the trunk is not too much different than asking someone to sit in the rumble seat. We have to evolve with the times. Rescinding this "trunk" language will not change any existing laws or requirements for firearm transport. With this change, MUCC will not be bound by outdated language. This will not affect the requirement that firearms be encased and inaccessible when transporting.

The second proposed resolution seeks to change firearm law. Currently, a hunter or target shooter breaks the law if they lean an unloaded shotgun against their truck. The law states that it is a crime to have an uncased firearm "in or upon" a vehicle. Approving this proposal would not change the "IN" part of the law and possessing certain uncased firearms in a vehicle would still be a crime. It would, however, strike the word "upon" and eliminate unintentional crimes committed by sportsmen and women every year.

When I presented this proposal to the Region 9 membership at the February meeting, there were nine people in attendance. One man told his story of how he was legally shooting rats and was stopped by law enforcement. He was asked to produce his hunting license and he leaned his .22 rifle against his tailgate while reaching for his wallet. There was no crime shooting at rats, but he had to go to court because he was cited for leaning a firearm "upon" a vehicle. This is another example of a law abiding Michigan sportsman innocently and unintentionally breaking the law.

A 2/3 majority vote will be required to pass this resolution as it directs MUCC to work to omit the word "upon" from statute.

If you have any questions or would like to talk, I would be happy to take your calls or emails.

I certainly appreciate the time that you've taken to read this and look forward to your support of these two resolutions in March.

Thank you,

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