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FOAC-ILLEA Effects Change to State License to Carry Firearms Application
Issues Raised with State Police Addressed in New Application

PITTSBURGH, PA – Firearms Owners Against Crime Institute for Legal, Legislative and Educational Action (FOAC-ILLEA) announced today that License to Carry Firearms applications in Pennsylvania have been changed after the organization raised concerns with the Pennsylvania State Police.

FOAC-ILLEA President Jim Stoker first contacted the Pennsylvania State Police in July 2023. At that time, the application required the applicant to disclose their employer, including address and phone, occupation, and to provide two references. As the organization pointed out, these items were not authorized or explicitly listed in the statute that created the license.

“The inclusion of questions concerning employer and personal references at best is an overreaching data grab on Pennsylvania citizens and, at worst, a blatant violation of citizens’ constitutional rights,” said Stoker.

Last fall, the Pennsylvania State Police also met with the Pennsylvania Sheriffs’ Association, that shared similar concerns. Following those discussions and meetings, the State Police committed to reviewing the application and revising it, as appropriate.

“We appreciate the assistance and cooperation from the Pennsylvania Sheriffs’ Association and the Law Offices of Josh Prince. Both were key participants throughout this process and provided valuable insight and experience. We also appreciate the Pennsylvania State Police working with FOAC-ILLEA to address these concerns,” said Stoker.

While the new application continues to include those noted items that were of concern, each is now marked as optional.

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