

**HANDGUN CONTROL**

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Mark Nisley, Chair  
Pine County Republican Party  
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Dear Mr. Nisley:

It has come to my attention that the Pine County Republican Party's website attributes the following quotation to me: "Our task of creating a socialist American can only succeed when those who would resist us have been totally disarmed." If your organization believes that I would ever utter such a preposterous statement, you probably also believe that Bill Gates will send you \$100 dollars for forwarding an e-mail to everyone you know so that Microsoft can track it.

I'm sorry to disappoint you, but this statement is a complete fabrication, and has been discredited even by the most ardent opponents of my views. Unfortunately, like the warnings about the "Good Times" computer virus, it stays alive thanks to the wonders of the internet.

I am hardly a socialist. May I remind you that my husband, James Brady, was press secretary to President Ronald Reagan and I was active in the Republican Party for many years. The organization I chair, Handgun Control, is neither a Democratic nor Republican organization, just as reducing gun violence is not a liberal or a conservative issue. It is a human issue.

My belief that we need to strengthen our nation's gun laws to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children is mainstream and Main Street America. By posting such a patently false statement on your website, your organization not only looks foolish, but it does a tremendous disservice to its members and to the Republican Party. Please remove this spurious quotation immediately.

Sincerely,



Sarah Brady  
Chair

cc: Minnesota Republican Party  
U.S. Senator Rod Grams  
Republican National Committee  
*The Minneapolis Star-Tribune*  
*The St. Paul Pioneer Press*  
*The Duluth News-Tribune*