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COLE ENDORSED BY NY STATE RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION

The New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRPA) recently announced that it has endorsed Assemblyman Mike Cole (R,C,I – Alden) as he seeks re-election to the 142nd district in the lower house of the state Legislature.

"I am very proud to receive the endorsement of this renown organization," said Cole, who is a member of the Nation Rifle Association (NRA). "I am an ardent supporter of NYSRPA's agenda and I look forward to our continued relationship well beyond my re-election in November."

NYSRPA is the state's largest and oldest firearms advocacy organization. Since 1871, this organization has been dedicated to the preservation of Second Amendment rights, firearm safety, education and training, and shooting sports. This organization's agenda promotes safe hunting, increased access to public lands, and monitors conservation monies collected by the state to make certain it is wisely spent.

"Sportsmen have no better advocate in Western New York than Mike Cole," said Jacob Rieper, Legislative Director of NYSRPA. "Mike has always been one of our most outspoken supporters of the NYSRPA and we are proud to endorse him for re-election to the state Assembly."

Mike Cole was overwhelmingly elected to represent the 142nd Assembly District during a special election in May of 2006. Cole is seeking re-election to the State Legislature this November. The 142nd Assembly District is comprised of the towns of Aurora, Wales, Elma, Marilla, Alden, Newstead, Clarence, Royalton, and Lockport as well as the entire City of Lockport.