

September 9, 2021

VIA U.S. MAIL Vincent Hancock 1 Olympic Plaza, Building #3 Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Subject: Letter of Appreciation for Representing the United States of America as a Member of the **United States Olympic Shooting Team** 

Dear Vincent,

I write on behalf of the California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA). The CRPA Board of Directors congratulates you for your third Gold Medal performance in Men's Skeet at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, and the USA Shooting Team's best performance since the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

As California's oldest Second Amendment organization, we are dedicated to the preservation of our nation's shooting tradition. Congratulations on your contributions to our shooting history; your third Olympic Gold Medal adds to that legacy.

You are truly an inspiration to all Americans and specifically the youth who are up-and-coming in the shooting sports. Your volunteer work with the Scholastic Clay Target Program and the Youth Target Foundation, promoting the sport of shooting to our youth while you also raise your family is commendable. Your event was a thrill to watch. The dedication, time, and sacrifices, required to achieve to your level of skill is admirable. Your marksmanship skills and mental training, shooting under extreme pressure of Olympic competition, were evident throughout your event and it looked like you were having fun.

We know it was an incredibly difficult year to train and prepare for the games under pandemic conditions. We also commend you for encouraging your teammate, Amber English, to return to the shooting sports and compete in skeet after her father passed. Your performances in Beijing in 2008 and London in 2012 were truly inspiring. After the letdown of the Rio Games in 2016, only a true Olympian could rebound and come back to take the gold in Tokyo. You have truly earned your 2021 ISSF Number Three world ranking in Men's Skeet, and we hope to see your ranking increase in the years to come.

All the members of the CRPA, look forward to watching you in the future Olympic and international shooting events and wish you all the best. Be safe, shoot straight and congratulations.

Sincerely,

C.D. "Chuck" Michel

President, California Rifle & Pistol Association Inc.





