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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

U.S. LawShield is committed to ensuring that our Members' freedom, liberty, and Second Amendment rights are protected if they are ever involved in an incident where they were forced to use a firearm or other legal weapon in justified self-defense or defense of another person. We want to reiterate this commitment to our Members by providing clarification and guidance on an important coverage question.

We are often asked about the domestic violence exclusion found in U.S. LawShield Legal Services Contracts and legal defense for self-defense insurance policies administered by U.S. LawShield ("Policy"). Generally, the Policy excludes coverage for Members who have an incident that involves a charge of domestic violence involving a Member's current or former family member, household or dating relationship as defined by applicable state law.

First, and foremost, it is imperative we make clear that we condemn domestic violence. The purpose of the exclusion described above and in the Policy is to ensure that perpetrators of domestic violence are not provided a mechanism to escape the consequences, and ultimate justice, for such heinous acts. It is for this purpose that determinations for coverage for every incident are based on the specific facts and circumstances surrounding the incident.

To that end, we desire to make it absolutely clear that any Member who uses a firearm or other legal weapon in justified self-defense or defense of another is eligible for coverage, regardless of the specific charges they face, including charges alleging domestic violence. The sad reality is that at the scene of a crime, victims are often unjustly forced into the legal system where they await a challenging and lengthy process just to clear their name. Domestic violence victims are no exception: in most cases, all parties involved are charged at the scene while courts are left to sort the facts.

With this clarification to our Policy, our Members can continue resting easy at night knowing that we have their back.

Please feel free to reach out to U.S. LawShield at 877-448-6839 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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