Adam Putnam says he's a 'proud NRA sellout'

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Adam Putnam | image via Fresh From Florida

- Adam Putnam is currently Florida's Agriculture Commissioner. He's also a Republican candidate for governor and a self-described "NRA sellout."

On Monday, *Tampa Bay Times* columnist Daniel Ruth published an opinion piece called "**Adam Putnam sells out to the NRA**," which is a compliment to Putnam, a big tough man's man who likes to "pack heat while eating his meat."

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The column touches on how Putnam went on an "NRA boot-licking tour a few days ago," and how he's been pushing for guns on college campuses, as well as endorsing proposals for open-carry in public places.

Ruth tears into Putnam with some solid points, like how a child in Florida is shot every 17 hours and how the state has witnessed an increase in firearm deaths since "Stand Your Ground" was passed 10 years ago.

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But arguably the best part of the column is Ruth's incredibly savage burns, like when he calls Putnam the "Opie of Open Carry," the "Howdy Doody of Smith & Wesson," and "faux Dirty Harry of Tallahassee."

Chef kissing fingers gesture

In response, Adam "I'm not mad, you're mad" **tweeted** about how he's proud to be an #NRASellout and even created a **petition** on his site encouraging anyone who is also an #NRASellout to sign.

"What a surprise. The liberal media is attacking a conservative again," says Putnam on his site. "The Tampa Bay Times recently called me a sellout to the NRA. As someone who believes the Second Amendment is an inalienable right, I'll wear that comment like a badge of honor. I'm a proud NRA Sellout."

It makes you wonder if Putnam is also proud of this recent fear-mongering ad from the NRA that falls just short of calling for an all-out race war.