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Testimony presented to the **PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

IN OPPOSITION TO Proposed S.B. No. 695 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GUN OFFENDER REGISTRY. and Proposed H.B. No. 6185 AN ACT CREATING A GUN OFFENDER REGISTRY.

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What is the need for a Gun Offender Registry? How will it benefit law enforcement? If this is an important addition to control crime, why hasn't law enforcement implemented it on its own rather than proposing legislation? Doesn't a search of the profuse data bases identify gun offenders for investigative purposes? If convicted and not incarcerated or released on parole, wouldn't both the local police and the parole officer be aware of any gun offenses?

We believe this is another bureaucratic and costly exercise which will probably not be used by law enforcement, will clutter the information data base, and will not impact on the criminal use of firearms.

Rather than suggesting hollow solutions to the criminal possession and use of firearms, why not reinstitute the Gun Trafficking Task Force which if properly implemented would probably cost less and as demonstrated in the past provide an effective solution to the problem.

We urge rejection.