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Testimony for the Appropriations Committee

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Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I'm testifying in support of the following:

Proposed S.B. No. 307 AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.

Proposed H.B. No. 5561 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.

Being that I can see the only difference is the specified amount of funding, I'm for whichever version makes it out of committee.

As a law abiding owner of firearms and our almost 4,500 members, this is the direction we feel we should have been going in all along.

My statistic maybe a few months old, but we had 180,000 permit holders as of a few months ago. Given the renewal rates, the state collects 2.52 million per year in renewal fees.

This is a good use of those funds. If we are going to get serious on gun crime, nothing proposed in any other committee so far that I've seen will have an effect such as this task force.

Similar task forces have worked.

We must focus our attention on criminals, not the law abiding citizens.