

Dear Senator Williams:

Kindly add my testimony to the record.

[S.B. No. 505](#) (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE A RIFLE OR OTHER LONG GUN. (PS,PS)

I oppose this bill. I believe that any person old enough to vote and to serve their country in the US Armed Forces should be able to purchase a long gun and ammunition. In addition there appears to be a state form which will be required and which the vendor must keep on file for 20 years. This is unnecessary and redundant with the federal paperwork requirements and therefore unnecessary and burdensome to the vendor.

[S.B. No. 710](#) (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR GUN SHOWS. (PS,PS)

I oppose this bill. It gives local authority the arbitrary right to not issue a permit. I see no reason why a gun show should be treated any differently that a flower show or antique show.

[S.B. No. 1071](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND. (PS)

I oppose this bill. It makes as much sense as making General Motors pay a tax to a compensation fund for victims of drunk drivers. Gun manufacturers are not responsible for criminal behavior and should not be taxed for it. Thousands more people are killed by drunk drivers than by guns every year, but car manufactures are not singled out because of it. This bill is prejudiced and appears to be punitive.

[S.B. No. 1076](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE. (PS)

I adamantly oppose any portion of this bill concerning long arm licensing, registration, permitting, and restrictions on the sale of ammunition. The portions of the bill regarding allowable and non-allowable features of long arms is arbitrary and the descriptors (features) have nothing to do with reducing gun violence.

[H.B. No. 6162](#) (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING INELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER OR AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE BASED ON A PRIOR HOSPITALIZATION. (PS,PS)

I oppose this bill as I would any other bill that penalizes a person for the acts, or medical treatment in this case, of another.

[H.B. No. 6251](#) (COMM) AN ACT REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PRIOR TO THE SALE, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF ALL LONG GUNS. (PS,PS)

I oppose this bill. There is no need for it and I dare say no demonstrable evidence exists that would show a reduction in crime were it implemented. It would add unnecessary expense and paperwork to the vendor, the state and the buyer for no

demonstrable purpose.

[H.B. No. 6595](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES. (PS)

I oppose this bill. This would make every homeowner that shoots a pest in his yard guilty of endangering the public. The safe use of firearms and the current DEEP regulations on discharge distance near occupied dwellings seems to be working fine. There is no need for this bill.

[H.B. No. 6598](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PROTECTION. (PS)

I do not oppose this bill, but would like to see pistol permittees be able to carry on school grounds. Nothing says "defenseless people inside" better than a "gun-free zone" sign outside a school, or any other venue for that matter.

It is not possible to alter the truth: Criminals are the most ardent advocates of gun control legislation, and when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns. They will then run rampant, with home invasions and public shootings becoming commonplace. Everyone without exception will be at their mercy. Anarchy will prevail and terror and physical violence will escalate to unprecedented levels. No one will be safe anywhere. Gun control measures as proposed are not in the best interest of the people. Please ignore political the expedience of pressure and oppose such legislation.

Sincerely,

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