PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Please do not put further restrictions on the 2nd Amendment that our forefathers and veterans, past and present, fought so hard to protect. Please enforce the laws we already have on the books, and bring back the death penalty and end the early criminal release program.

Please vote against all the following bills:

SB1076 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE
This creates a new, confusing system of permits and registry for all types of firearms and registers all individual firearms in the state requiring annual renewals and fees. This constitutes a recurring burden and de facto tax on the exercise of our constitutional rights in the Democratic spirit and tradition of Jim Crow laws.

This proposal also creates new classes and carve-outs for firearms possession by various law enforcement and military, state employees and designees and even including DMV employees. This further separates and isolates the law enforcement community from average citizens and creates a societal rift.

These new costs associated with legal firearms ownership are disproportionally burdensome on the indigent, urban, and minority communities in the state and are racist. This proposal is an attempt to make guns impossible to own. Taxes will not ensure that guns are not in the hands of criminals, it's just another attempt to make it more difficult for legitimate gun owners to exercise their rights.

History has proven that registration of firearms is the first step to confiscation of guns. It will do nothing to make the public safer or make police work any easier after a crime is committed. Criminals will certainly not register theirs.

Criminals are the problem. This is simply an attempt to deprive legitimate gun owners of their legal firearms, and even the fools proposing these bills freely admit none of these provisions will do anything to prevent murders, stop criminals and the insane from using illegal guns, or achieve any end other than punish law abiding citizens and deprive them of their rights.

Please oppose these bills.