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Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

I would like to point out a significant oversight regarding much of the proposed bills and their relationship to small business owners and individuals in the firearms training and security industry.

There are many of us that own and operate small businesses that provide much valued firearm related services. Our training businesses promote and provide safe and lawful training for both the general public as well as the law enforcement community. Additionally, other small businesses and licensed individuals provide armed, uniformed security services.

Much of the proposed limitations and further regulations aimed at the citizens include significant exceptions to those in the municipal and state law enforcement community, with no regard to the possible implications to the businesses and individuals that provide training and security services.

How can our law enforcement customers expect to receive the necessary training from private training providers when they are prohibited from the possession of the same firearms and related equipment that are used in their normal service?

How can you justify the position that private security details are not allowed the same level of protection as municipal or state employees in the performance of their duty?

I can understand the intense pressure to just "do something" but as we can easily see from other legislative bodies rushing to judgment, many times unintended consequences are worse.

I ask that you seriously consider your oath and obligation of office and uphold the US Constitution, particularly the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The people, all lawful citizens, including those in the law enforcement community should be bound to the same equal protection under the law.

Thank you.