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**Opposition to HB 06962
An Act Concerning Firearm Safety**

Gentlemen of the Joint Judiciary Committee,

While well intentioned, HB 06962 is seriously misguided and **should be rejected**.

The proposed amendments to the bill continue to promote the fear of gun ownership, and do nothing to promote the use and familiarity of firearms among women, the elderly, and other homeowners.

Every house should have at least one unloaded rifle racked near the fireplace, or the front door, or in a bedroom where it is readily accessible. The ammunition should be kept separate, but also accessible to the owners.

In addition, a Firearms Education program (similar to Drivers Education) should be mandatory in every school district in the state. This irrational fear of firearms ownership needs to be stopped.

I cry every time I read or hear of a mugging or attack in a home invasion. If these victims had been better prepared, the outcome would have been substantially different.

Please keep our homes safe and defeat this bill.

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