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Subject: Objection to HB5408 An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit.

Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee

I write in opposition to the above bill. I understand that a permit is necessary to have to carry a fire arm, and i understand it is necessary to have it on the person. I am opposed to the ability of an officer to stop some, and demand identification, without observing any crime. If a crime has been observed, or is reasonably believed to have been committed, then by all means the officer should have the right to request the permit. Statutes and case law do not allow a police officer to randomly stop people, without any observation or belief a crime has been committed, and demand identification. Indeed, if we proposed that officers could randomly pull people over, and ask to see ID and license, the public outcry would be immense. It would lead to legal profiling, something we are working in this state to eliminate. I challenge the Committee to think of another instance, in which a license or permit is required, that allows the police to randomly stop and ask for ID. I write as a voter and as an attorney, who can see the enormous potential for abuse and expansion of this law. This year it is firearm owners, next year it is drivers, then voters, then wherever.....

Stop the encroachment on basic civil liberties, such as the 4th and 5th amendment. 200 years of court decisions and statutes will back you up.

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