

**Testimony in Opposition of House Bill 5409**

**In Support of Senate Bill 20**

**In Support of HB 5408:**

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Senator Larson, Representative Dargan and distinguished members of the Committee on Public Safety and Security,

HB 5409: I oppose a bill that would diminish the ability of law enforcement to determine the suitability of a person seeking a permit to carry handguns in public.

SB 20: I support this bill which would be consistent with the standard for intoxication while driving.

HB 5408 I support a bill that would require the holder of a permit for the carrying of any pistol or revolver to present such permit upon request of a law enforcement officer. I was surprised to find out that this is not already the case.

When a person carries a handgun, they take on an enormous responsibility – ultimately, they are volunteering to be judge and jury and to possibly make a life-altering decision in a matter of seconds. Given the enormity of this duty, I do not think these restrictions are unreasonable.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.