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**From:** SJB41690@aol.com  
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**To:** pstestimony; Sen. Frantz, Scott  
**Subject:** HB 5408, HB 5409 and SB 20

I write in **support of HB 5408** and strongly urge the Legislature to pass this bill that would require persons openly carrying handguns in public to produce a permit at the request of a police officer. The mere presence of a handgun in a place frequented by the public produces concern and fear in the unarmed citizens who see it. The presence of the gun is clearly meant to intimidate and obliquely threaten anyone who might do or say something that would displease the carrier of the gun. The belligerence exhibited by those who STAGED altercations so that they could prove the point that they were not to be asked a reasonable question by a police officer in light of those who felt intimidated is UNACCEPTABLE. The Heller case clearly said that reasonable restrictions were allowed to be placed on the right to bear arms. If the permit holder has the permit, there is NOTHING unreasonable about being required to produce it. Any arguments in opposition are preposterous.

In addition, I **oppose HB 5409** that would take away the right of police chiefs to ask for additional documents, in addition to the basic application, to determine the suitability of a person seeking a permit to carry handguns in public. This, again, is a reasonable regulation meant to safeguard our communities.

Finally, I **support SB 20** which will reduce the definition of carrying a firearm when intoxicated by reducing the prohibited ratio of alcohol in the blood to eight-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol. The current standard defines the prohibited blood level ratio at ten-hundredths of 1%. Eight-hundredths of 1% would be consistent with the driving while intoxicated standard. This is just COMMON SENSE!!!!

Thank you.

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