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To all Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I Oppose SB 60. An Act Concerning the presentation of a Carry Permit – This bill clearly targets individuals that have followed the law and have gone through the permit process. Removing “reasonable Suspicion of a crime” from the current statues is a bad idea, and allows police officers to “Stop and Frisk” for no reason.

I Oppose HB 7218 – An act Concerning the Save Storage of Firearms in the home. This bill does not take into consideration personal circumstances of each home owner. Although I believe all persons should be responsible with his/her firearm and keep them secured, I do not believe this should be handled trough legislature. I also believe this is hindering the ability of citizens the ease of access to a firearm when needed in such circumstances such as home break-ins or home invasions which are on the rise.

I Oppose HB 7219 – An act Concerning Ghost Guns – This is clearly a bill aimed at gun registry. Citizens do have a right to personal protection and this would force them to have to purchase a factory manufactured, serialized firearm at potentially a cost that they can not afford. I do believe not all individuals can afford the cost of permits, regulations, registry, etc. This is a form of gun control and discrimination aimed at the poor. Citizens should have the choice to purchase new or build their own firearm based on their budget available. Many older collectible firearms already do not have serial numbers. Are we asking investors to now go ahead and stamp serial numbers into a collectible item reducing its value based on registration?

I Oppose HB7223 – An Act Concerning the storage of a pistol or revolver in a motor vehicle – this bill is once again adding undue burden to armed citizens. It’s not enough to have a vehicle that is locked but requires in addition to that a lock box within a locked vehicle. Breaking into a vehicle to steal a firearm is already against the law.

I support HB 5227 – An act concerning the regulation of Firearms by municipalities. This bill would prevent local municipalities from all drifting from state standards. Picture this... you spend your lives savings to purchase a house in a town you love only to find that a year later they decide to arbitrarily ban a particular firearm or component that you already own legally. This would be like saying you can no longer own the camper you purchased for recreation last year. Not only do you need to take into consideration what state you live in as a firearm owner, you will now need to investigate each town as you move to them or drive through them. This would be a mess.

I support SB 940 – An act authorizing certain persons to carry handguns in state parks and state forests – This will override current regulation banning carry in state parks. I don’t understand why a state park is a place where you cannot protect your self or family. I often camp in state parks where there is no protection provided by the state authorities at night. I have seen instances when we needed to call 911 for individuals that were intoxicated, threatening, and required us to call 911 and wait 15 minutes or more for intervention. We also have the concern of wild animals (coyote/bear/etc.) in state parks.

I support SB 5870 – An act concerning transfer of assault weapons and large capacity magazines – the state has already put the burden of registration of these items on the citizens. I believe they should be able to transfer these items to other legal owners of similar registered items. Picture that car that you bought 5 years ago. You are stuck with it forever. The only option now is to sell out of the state. This is difficult and costly.

I am a Husband, and father to 6 children. I take firearms safety seriously. I believe individuals are safe through education and not through ignorance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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