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To Whom It May concern:

I am testifying in **support** of H.B. 7218, *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home*, H.B. 7223 *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in Vehicles*, H.B. 7219, *An Act Concerning Ghost Guns* and S.B. 60 *An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit*.

I am testifying in support of **H.B. 7218 and H.B. 7223** because of the countless numbers of reported maimings and deaths that occur across the country as a result of improperly stored fire arms. Firearms that are transported in cars, unsecured can discharge as a result of dropping them, unintentionally mishandling them, or worse, when a child or an unsuspecting innocent person moves about the car an unknowingly handles a firearm that is hidden or left in an unsecured but loaded state. Firearms left unsecured in the home increases the opportunity for children to become needless victims. It is not hard to find hourly reports from news sources with the words: Child accidentally shot sister in head, girl in critical condition", "Child mishandling gun accidentally shoots self, dies". Each day, children are maimed and die, needlessly. It's worth noting that there is nothing "accidental" about these deaths. Had that firearm, today, been secured, there would be one less dead child, one less grieving parent, less financial burden that all of are responsible for.

I am also testifying in support of **H.B. 7219** because there is no good reason why firearms can be manufactured as untracable. The only reason I can think of to be in possession of one would be to do something that could not be done by legally obtaining a weapon through the current procedure we have in place. It is a method for creating, selling and distributing firearms in an unregulated method which runs counter to the laws we currently have in place. Additionally, these types of guns are inherently less safe because manufacturing conditions will vary and there is no way to ensure the safety of the user or of the public. It's obvious that this will be the criminal's weapon of choice.

Lastly, I am testifying in support of **H.B. 60** because I care about police officer's safety. There is no reason why a law abiding citizen would want to be put into a position of forcing a police officer to have to decide whether the intent of the arms-holder is legitimate or not. As with all of these bills I support, this is a matter of safety for the public as well as the gun owner and does not interfere with one's right to own or possess a firearm, as long as the firearm is being responsibly owned. Irresponsible ownership is akin to leaving guns lying around your house, or car, loaded and unlocked. Irresponsible ownership is not needing to prove you own a gun to a police officer who does not know who you are or your intent. and Irresponsible legislation would allow anyone to produce and sell an unregistered, untracable gun to anyone regardless of the person's background.

Thank you for allowing me to testify regarding these bills. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my position.

Sincerely,

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