

Dear Senator and Representatives:

As a law abiding citizen and registered voter I'm appalled at the current push by members of our State government to squash the rights of millions of law abiding citizens. The current "Gun Control" proposals are unconstitutional, unrealistic and financially devastating. They will do nothing to address the issue - the cause of violence - and the only result will be the punishment of millions for the actions of a few mad men.

Vote against HB 5268, SB140 - The proposal to require firearm owners to maintain liability insurance and the establishment of a 50% sales tax on the sale of ammunition **is simple unfair taxation and over governance.**

Vote against SB 122 - The proposal to make it a class C felony offense for any person or organization to purchase, sell, donate, transport, possess or use any gun except one made to fire a single round **is unrealistic and unconstitutional to citizens and corporations.**

Vote against SB 124 - The proposal to prohibit the possession of magazines that accept more than ten rounds **would create a horrible financial burden to firearms owners while doing absolutely nothing to solve the violence problem that we face as a society. Studies show such proposals as an ineffective strategy.**

Knowing that "bad guys" don't follow laws and don't adhere to government regulations means that the only people these proposals can affect are law abiding citizens. Why are our state representatives trying to punish the citizens of this great state for the actions of a few? Banning firearms and/or accessories, increasing regulations and increasing taxes for those involved in the shooting sports is an unfair financial burden. Any route to confiscation will cost tax payers millions while ensuring nothing when it comes to safety.

Stop trying to punish innocent people from defending themselves and/or participating in the shooting sports.

Stop exploiting recent tragedies.

Stop trying to vilify law abiding citizens.

Stop making me out to be a criminal for practicing my Second Amendment right.

Sincerely,

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