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**In regard to the numerous new firearms bills being proposed, I'd like to highlight the ones that I feel are the most pernicious and unconstitutional among them:**

**HB-5266 / HB-5452 / SB-140 – each of these involves added costs (liability insurance and/or taxes on ammunition) levied upon HONEST citizens (not criminals), and is most detrimental to the poor who wish to defend themselves and their families. Not one act of violence would be prevented by these bills.**

**HB-161 – ACT REGARDING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE – a multifaceted bill which deals with several topics. The most odious item is section (8), which requires gun owners to register their firearms with the state. Registration is only good for two things: taxation and confiscation. This provision will only affect HONEST citizens (not criminals), who will at some point be asked to pay more for or give up their right to self-defense with firearms. This is unacceptable!**

**HB-5112 - DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS HOLDING HANDGUN PERMITS – This heinous invasion of privacy against HONEST citizens (not criminals) only serves to provide thieves with a road map of where to strike next. Not one act of violence would be prevented by this bill.**

**SB-124 / SB-504 – These bills relate to banning so-called “high-capacity” magazines. This only serves to prevent HONEST citizens (not criminals) from choosing magazines which could help protect them from multiple attackers. If your home was invaded by 2, 3, or 4 men, would you want your magazine capacity limited? Not one act of violence would be prevented by these bills.**

**SB-122 - CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON GUN USE – allowing only guns that can fire one round. Seriously? This bill basically prevents HONEST citizens (not criminals) from fully utilizing the protection afforded by firearms when their lives are threatened. Shameful!**

**Criminals don't follow laws...that's why they are called criminals. Before trampling on our natural and constitutional rights with new restrictions, remember that such laws only make it easier for the wicked to overpower the HONEST citizens. The one bill that should be passed is the one that's not on the list: the abolition of “gun-free” zones, which (not surprisingly) is where all of the worst atrocities take place. Thank you.**