

I am writing you to inform you of my position on some of the recent proposed bills regarding firearms. Below are my comments and positions on the bills. I respectfully request that you take my comments into consideration when voting on these issues.

Proposed H.B. number HR 5112

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill would compromise the safety of all individuals, whether they are a gun owner or not. It would set a precedent to any legislation concerning invasion of privacy of individuals. The same argument to post names of individuals having HIV or another communicable disease or religious belief could be made as those individuals could be considered a potential danger to a community as well.

Proposed H.B. number HR 5165

I support this bill based on the known fact that no firearm owner ever hopes to be put in a position where they will need to use deadly force.

Proposed H.B. number HR 5176

I do not support this. Current laws and requirements for applications already exist.

Proposed H.B. number 5179

I support this bill.

Proposed H.B. number 5268

I strongly oppose this bill. Owning a firearm is not and should not be a liability, it is a right and it should not be subject to punishment. There is no justification for a 50% tax on any product. Most importantly, firearms owners need to be proficient in the use of their firearms. Implementing a 50% tax on ammunition would force most owners into a situation where they

would not be able to practice due to the excessive cost and would ensure that the State would have a multitude of gun owners that would not be proficient in their sport.

Proposed H.B. number 5269

I support this bill.

The focus of gun control needs to be on individuals illegally possessing or using firearms. A criminal will always have access to firearms. It is a way of life for certain individuals and the coined statement that the only people who will have firearms if firearms are banned, is the known criminal, I believe would be true. I have seen this. The only way to prevent a criminal from possessing a firearm is to incarcerate that person.

SB 1

I oppose this bill.

SB 21

I strongly oppose this bill.

Tragedy, death and violence do not discriminate. A death of a person resulting from a texting while driving accident is just as tragic as the death of a person resulting from a firearms crime. We do not need to fund a 'special' light for particular classes of violence.

SB 122

I oppose this bill.

This is redundant legislation. A criminal will always find a way to obtain a firearm. A new law that is not enforceable that cannot accomplish what current laws intend, is not necessary. All current laws are intended to reduce criminal activity.

SB 124

I strongly oppose this bill in it's present form. A vast number of firearms currently accept 10 round plus 'feeding devices'. Any legislative effort or law that immediately changes the status of a law abiding individual into a 'criminal' is malicious in intent. This law would instantly criminalize a large percentage of firearms owners.

SB 140

I strongly oppose this bill.

There is not sufficient evidence in numbers to show the need for gun owners to possess liability insurance. Most gun crimes are committed by persons who illegally possess a firearm. More accidents and life altering accidents result from sports such as skiing, cycling, golfing and none of these sports require the participant to purchase liability insurance. A 50% sales tax would only ensure that firearms owners less opportunity to practice and maintain proficiency in the use of their firearms. This would only result in an environment having less competent and proficient firearms owners and a 'not so safe' environment. There is no justification for a 50% tax on any product.

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