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I **oppose** the bill HB-5647 AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH CAPACITY FIREARMS

OPPOSE The single classification of these arms as Assault Weapons is incorrect and inflammatory. This incorrect language is used by a minority viewpoint to negatively portray a common and popular category of civilian longarms. To thusly group a class of arms and deem them prohibited is incongruent with their commonly accepted roles in self defense as indicated in the Request for quotation by the Federal Government Department of homeland security seen at <https://www.fbo.gov/utills/view?id=09c3d5e933bc24416b752b57294a17b3> , Where 7000 NATO compliant “personal defense” rifles are requested for staff working within the borders of the USA. Staff who are encountering the same kinds of criminals and crime that your constituents are in their cities and towns. Another inconvenient fact is the premise of this bill also runs aground on Constitutional shores of the Supreme Court decision in The Heller case of 2008 specifically pages 628-29. were a handgun ban was seen as unconstitutional due to the fact that they are overwhelmingly chosen for self defense by modern American society. Similarly, any law that bans a common rifle or style based on cosmetics or caliber is also runs into the previous decision of Heller in 2008. Remember that in 1775 a Musket was once the first american assault rifle and in it’s time was the American choice for defense of one’s self and country.

We have many “assault weapons” ban laws already in place and none of them are able to stop those who are intent on subverting or outright breaking them. A law is not a protective device when malicious intent comes to bear, it may only be used by the survivors to punish the perpetrator. Give us the tools to Survive first, and then we can use the rule of law to punish the wicked and maladjusted in our society. For all too often they are released into our neighborhoods before they have been remade a productive member, but this is for another bill.

This is not a fair or just practice as it singles out a group of citizens, restricts their access and ability to defend this great nation from all threats, foreign and domestic, therefore it must not be allowed to pass.

Thank you for the chance to be a part of the legislative process and your consideration of my position. I may be reached at 203-824-0102, or Keri@kerismo.com should you require any additional input