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To: Sen Prozanski; Sen Close; Sen Dingfelder; Sen Kruse; Sen Roblan
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Subject: In Support of SB 347, 699, 700 & 796
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To the Honorable Senator Prozanski - Chair, Senator Close - ViceChair, Senator Dingfelder - Member, Senator Kruse - Member, and Senator Roblan - Member:

I am writing to encourage all of you to support these four bills that you will receive testimony on this Friday, April 5th.

In my view, these bills go nowhere near far enough to provide the level of gun safety that is needed in our state. They are however, a good start.

There is an arms race going on in our society today very much like the arms race during the "cold war". People feel compelled to arm themselves because they fear being attacked and want to be able to defend themselves. This behavior is unsustainable. It leads to a more and more heavily armed population which increases the risk of accidents, attacks and suicides, and benefits no one except arms manufacturers and dealers.

Please slow down the proliferation by supporting these measures. I am confident that you will be saving lives and protecting the rights of all citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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