

RE: SB 713

SHOOTING RANGES ARE ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY! SIMPLY PUT; I DON'T WANT MY LAW ENFORCEMENT TO BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE BEST SHOTS THEY CAN BE. I DON'T WANT COLLATERAL DAMAGE DUE TO POOR MARKSMANSHIP, I DON'T WANT THE LIFE OF A HOSTAGE LOST DUE TO POOR MARKSMANSHIP AND I DON'T WANT LAW ENFORCEMENT LIFE LOST DUE TO POOR MARKSMANSHIP. ALL A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY!

I LIVE NEXT TO THE STATE FOREST. I DON'T WANT STRAY ROUNDS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD DUE TO POOR MARKSMANSHIP. WHEN I HUNT I WANT MY FELLOW HUNTER TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE. ALL A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

I WANT MY SONS, DAUGHTERS, NEIGHBORS AND THOSE BRAVE ENOUGH TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AND STATE TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE WHEN DEFENDING THEIR LIFE'S AND OURS. WE OWE THAT TO THEM!

AS AN ARMY SNIPER WITH 3 PURPLE HEARTS AND A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SNIPERS ORGANIZATION. I CAN TELL YOU THAT OUR TRAINING IN THE MILITARY IS NOT SUFFICIENT IN ITSELF. THOSE WHO RECEIVED CIVILIAN TRAINING AND WERE ACTIVE SHOOTERS EARLY IN CIVILIAN LIFE EXCELLED BEYOND THOSE WITHOUT PRIOR EXPERIENCE.

AND MOST IMPORTANT!! OUR YOUTH CAN ONLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE PROPER RESPECT OF FIREARMS AND THE DESTRUCTION THEY ARE CAPABLE OF; WITH PROPER SAFETY TRAINING. TRAINING THAT CAN ONLY BE FULFILLED AT A FIRING RANGE WITH QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS. NOT IN A CLASS ROOM OR FROM A VIDEO GAME.

ALL A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THUSLY A MATTER OF RESPONSIBLE LEGISLATION ON YOUR PART.

BY DENYING OUR YOUTH PROPER TRAINING WE ARE DENYING THEM THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO SURVIVE BEING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE MILITARY, NOT TO MENTION THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF SELF-DEFENSE.

I TRULY BELIEVE THAT FUTURE LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS WITHIN THIS LEGISLATION. SIMPLY PUT; RANGES SAVE LIVES!

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