

Dear Judiciary Committee,

There are two bills before you I'd urge you to vote no on.

HJR 13 Suspicious behavior should be required before a police stop and frisk as it were. This bill opens the door to serious abuse. I recall all the howl and cry over the NYC police for over stepping. Profiling, unwarranted stops, abused civil rights, etc., all on national news for months. Is there provision for CHL holders? Or will they be having their licensed weapon summarily confiscated, and have to spend the rest of the day getting out of jail? This is poorly conceived legislation.

HR 2526 I wonder if suicide prevention is the province of the DOJ. Seems to me you are just creating an expensive redundancy. Like prescription drug abuse, a bottle of scotch and sleeping pills, a neck tie on a door knob, or any of the other methods employed by the suicidal, these are matters for a health department, matters that should be addressed by mental healthcare professionals, not law enforcement, not the DOJ.

There is some ray of hope here and that would be HB 3281. Please vote yes for this one. Of course only allowing the state employee CHL holder to have his licensed weapon locked away in her or his vehicle, and not on their person, does negate some of the reason for that weapon. Rather hard to skip out to the parking lot and retrieve the weapon if it should be disparately needed. Between jihadists, right and left wing extremist whackos, or the murderous schizophrenic that slipped through the mental healthcare system and the NICS, those immediate horrific events require immediate response. Or they can wait 20 minutes while the police arrive and assess the situation as the innocents fall prey to wolves. So room for improvement here, but it's a good start.

Regards  
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