

Dear Senators:

Both these measures are onerous in the extreme. SM 764 would make it virtually impossible or prohibitively expensive to have a concealed carry permit and 868 would allow search and seizure in civil matters. An angry spouse or irritated relative could trigger a search for and confiscation of weapons. A DUI could be punished further and cost even more. While I have little sympathy with drinking drivers, I think they should be punished under the motor vehicle code. Both these bills are attacks on the working poor and their abilities to defend themselves. We all deplore the increased violence in our nation. Attacking self-defense isn't the answer. A more fair distribution of income and opportunity would be the most effective solution. Is that too big a challenge? If so don't default to punishing the most vulnerable of us.

Yours very truly,
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