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As a retired peace officer and having investigated numerous cases of elder abuse, I observe a serious flaw in SB 868 regarding the seizure of potentially valuable property by the state. The statute appears to have an ultimate goal of destruction, especially in cases of loss of competence or dementia.

I realize that those who propose this legislation, in my humble opinion, seek to attack and alter our Constitutions Second Amendment. This is not only a theft of rights but a theft of personal property and serves as a pathway for them to destroy ALL firearms.

I, like many of my friends who own firearms have made provisions to distribute specific items of my collection to specific family members. I see nothing in this statute that honors my wishes, should I ever become ill and fall under the provisions of this law. I see nothing in this statute that allows me to agree with any findings and authorize the state to provide for the sale of my property via a licensed dealer. I see nothing where a person may make provisions of gifting, through a licensed dealer, any firearms, once seized by the state.

Many firearms found in people's homes no longer have usefulness and may simply be wall hangers or black powder collection pieces. These are not the type of weapons that assaults are committed with but are also often family heirlooms and/or partially handcrafted by owners.

Another concern is that sentimental value, historic value, monetary value, and reasonable maintenance is all lost to weapons lodged in law enforcements evidence. If ever returned, there will be evidence of abuse and rust, diminishing both the appearance and value. I have personally seen this and know it continues.

It appears the drafters of this legislation clearly continue to treat ALL FIREARMS as a threat to public safety, Completely ignoring the fact that very few firearms are ever used as an actual threat to anyone.

This statute is clearly biased and agenda driven and does not consider the rights of this states citizens.

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