

To the Legislature:

In considering this matter, please consider two things:

1. Is a law abiding citizen protected from false claims? Are they protected from overzealous or "activist anti-gun" law enforcement, attorneys, and the judiciary, who may simply seek to impose their will on citizens, or to make a dollar at someone else's expense? How could this statute be misapplied and cause undue harm, or unjustly strip citizens of their rights, when they've done nothing wrong? This sort of travesty happens every day.

2. Why stop here? What reason is there to limit the class of people listed to "family members"? No one should live in fear of harm at the hands of any other person. Neither physical, emotional, or any other other form of causing one to live in fear should be tolerated. There should be a means for all, to stop any and all forms of abuse and harassment, based on uniform standards of proof, and to seek an appropriate remedy under the law.

As written, this bill is nothing more than "a law of the month" reelection ploy, trading off the rights of citizens to pander for votes. Please focus on doing the difficult work of effecting real, positive change for us, providing protection for all who need it, without harming those who've done no harm. This bill does neither.