

To whom it may concern,

I am unable to attend the Senate hearing on this Bill, but would like to have my comments entered for the hearing.

Many of the amendments added to this bill are unreasonable changes that will place legal citizen in jeopardy of becoming felons as a result if implemented. The use of EMERGENCY action is unreasonable as there is not an emergency, only in the eyes of many of this State's legislators.

By restricting the places once permitted by CHL persons creates potential "soft-target" opportunities for persons intent on causing harm. By designating "areas adjacent to" specific locations creates ambiguity as to whether someone may drive up 82nd avenue near the airport and because of a traffic infraction (for whatever reason) may become a felon if in possession (legally) of a weapon. If the act is intended to provide safety then, reasons must be clearly stated and specific distances stated.

Basically the lawmakers are intent on restricting law-abiding citizens from exercising their lawful right to possess, carry and operate weapons. Most citizens that own guns know the safe storage and handling of weapons. The government should not be imposing unnecessary regulations in an attempt to regulate people that are lawfully allowed to use weapons.

The laws in effect and those proposed will not reduce or stop a person from willfully committing acts of violence. Remember these people do not care about the law and by adding more restrictions you are creating more opportunities and location for a person to commit violent acts on the created "soft-targets" and weapons restriction locations. Law-enforcement are hamstrung as it because of the restrictions placed on them when confronting violent situations such as; the recent ruling to remove the carrying of weapons by University police, the attempts to restrict the use or to question the use of "deadly-force" by the public. Police officers must be able to protect the public and to maintain their own safety. Local administrations are creating dangerous situations for these officers and an armed citizenry can assist in reducing those threats. If persons intent on committing violence know that there is a potential of armed citizens to be a deterrent, the person will be less likely to commit that act of violence.

Currently none of the laws on the books or the proposed bills will reduce a person from committing acts of violence, only give them more opportunities and locations to carry out their acts.

Best Regards,

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