

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I'm writing today to once again voice my concern and ask for your vote in opposition to SB 554 and HB2510. I have witnessed an overwhelming amount of testimony in opposition to both of these Bills, and by any measure, should be the standard for which your decision is based. I also believe I have witnessed a number of erroneous, or half-truth statements, by several of those testifying, with the most egregious being those that mention the views and decisions of lower courts. A majority of these lower court views and decisions are based on the most significant 2nd Amendment case brought forth to the Supreme Court recently, DC v Heller. While there has been over 150 2nd Amendment cases declined to be heard by the Supreme Court since DC v Heller, there have been three that were weighed in on. The most recent, and relevant, case being NYSRPA v City of New York. While the City of New York ultimately changed its unconstitutional restrictions on handguns, and the case was determined "moot," the majority of the Justices did still provide an opinion that they lower courts are wrongly upholding gun regulations.

Along with what I believe to be a significant flaw in the foundation of these Bills, as mentioned above, there is still the political issue of these Bills being presented under the Emergency Clause. The evidence is simply not there to support that effort, and it is disingenuous to say otherwise. The misuse of the Emergency Clause by any Legislative branch is eroding the faith we the people have in our Democratic Republic. It is well past time to introduce legislation on face value, and stop with the deceptive practices the average working folks are not fooled by, have no time for, did not ask for, and most importantly, do not deserve.

I again respectfully ask that you honor your Oath to the People, the State, and the Constitution by opposing SB 554, HB2510, or any other restrictive legislation in regards to our Inalienable Rights.

Respectfully submitted,

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