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HB 2572 is a direct violation of the people's right of liberty. This country was founded by men whom this bill would deem criminals if it were then in existence. This is the type of government abuse those men fought against and warned us about. The People have a God given and constitutionally protected right to assemble, to defend themselves, and to conduct themselves in a manner that protects the liberty Americans hold dear. The PEOPLE, not the government, have the authority to decide how they exercise their rights for the preservation of their well-being and defense of themselves and this state.

If 3 or 300 people want to organize in a manner that protects themselves, their families, their community, their state, or their country, they have the ABSOLUTE RIGHT to do so. Why would the state frown upon these actions?

This bill is nothing more than a power grab, an attempt to squash the ability of the citizens of this state to defend themselves, and to further the agenda and interests of the state alone. The State has a responsibility to uphold the rights of its citizens as well as promoting and strengthening those rights. This bill does the very opposite.

When the disregard for a basic right of the people is so blatant, one must question the intent behind this legislation. What is the state so afraid of that it would punish its law abiding citizens who have done nothing wrong? Is a group of 3 or more individuals training together that terrifying? Does the state intend to act in a manner to which the people would cry out against?

A GOOD government would WANT its citizens organized and well trained as it only strengthens the state or country. The only kind of government that would wish to see its citizens unorganized and ill-trained is one that would seek to oppress its people and fears resistance. A good government has nothing to fear. If this legislature's intent is to further trample the rights of the people whom you serve then it is easily understood why there is a desire to handicap the people's ability to defend themselves with this bill. If that is the intent, then there is great cause to fear the people.

Do not make enemies of the people you serve with this bill.