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On Behalf Of:  
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I agree that there should be reasonable measures enacted regarding gun control, however this measure would place unnecessary and further restrictions on shooting clubs that support recreational shotgun shooting as well as safety training. With a growing number of young people getting into to shotgun sports (high school age & above) this measure would severely impact how they would be allowed to participate.

The measure adds: "A person who is at least 18 years of age and under 21 years of age, and who is not otherwise prohibited under..... of this section from possessing: (A) A single-shot rifle, whether centerfire or rimfire, (B) a double-barrelled shotgun; (C) a repeating rifle, whether centerfire or rimfire, that has a bolt, lever, pump, straight-pull or revolving action, (D) A rifle with an attached tubular magazine designed to accept, and capable of operating only with, 0.22 caliber rimfire ammunition; (E) A muzzleloader rifle; or (F) A shotgun with a pump, break, level or revolving action; or A minor who is not otherwise prohibited under subsection ...(no felons, or deemed mentally incompetent, etc) from temporarily possessing a firearm listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection if the firearm was transferred to the minor by the minor's parent or guardian.

This would not even allow the parents to transfer a club's semi-automatic shotguns or rifles to their own children. In addition, the way this measure is worded. you could not transfer a semi-auto rifle or shotgun to your child for hunting or any other purpose.

I would recommend offering suggested amendments to the bill such as leave language allowing "others to transfer with parent or guardian permission", or maybe if firearms are owned by a club and are maintained and secured by the club allowing temporary transfer by club members to minors for use on the range, etc.

Measures such as this need to be reasonable and not reactionary until suitable gun control measures can be put into place. Until then, please vote no on this measure