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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: HB2572

Good day. I write to you in opposition to HB 2772.

There is no question this bill is intended to strip the rights of legally armed people to protect their property. And while the it's not being promoted as "anti-gun" it is. This bill defines "paramilitary organizations" as:

"Private paramilitary organization' means any group of three or more persons associating under a command structure for the purpose of functioning in public or training to function in public as a combat, combat support, law enforcement or security services unit."

Specifically in section 2 of HB 2572: "the definition of "private paramilitary organization" is quite broad and could in fact apply to a private security company, since a private security company would not fall within the law enforcement exception in subsection (3)." It could also apply to a church security team.

This bill is not only an attack on private citizens protecting property, it is unconstitutional.

Thank you for your time.

Jeremy