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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing in opposition to this bill because it is so vaguely written and subject to interpretation that it shouldn't even be considered. As written, it is conceivable that three friends out target shooting in the woods could be brought up on charges. The term civil disorder is also not clearly defined, making it entirely likely that a person could be criminally charged. While specific groups or associations aren't mentioned in the language of this bill, there is no guarantee that selective prosecution will not occur depending upon the jurisdiction. The First Amendment to the Constitution is clear both with regards to freedom of speech, and freedom of association. As written, this bill clearly threatens both of those as well as the Second Amendment to the constitution which states; 'A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.' I submit to you that militias are needed in this country now more than ever due to a government that has become derelict in its duty to "provide for the common defense" of its own citizens; the riots of 2020 and the invasion on our southern border being prime examples. Therefore, in light of the clear unconstitutionality of this bill as written it should be withdrawn from consideration.