Submitter: Jason Lamb

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB2572

Dear Representative Iverson,

There is no question this bill is intended to strip the rights of legally armed people to protect their property. You're misleading voters. 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.'

In an opinion from "Legislative Counsel," the lawyers who write the bills, stated:

"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 our church security teams.

I adamantly oppose this bill.

- J. L.

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