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HB3075

I appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony to the appointed and elected members in public service and wish to express my gratitude towards them.

I am firmly opposed to HB3075. It is a bill that is not based in science or honest statistics. Respectfully, the sponsors of this bill have been deceived by the fearmongering of groups of individuals that are set on perpetuating emotional ideologies not based in fact.

Gun violence is a problem. Nearly all gun violence is committed by individuals with handguns. The amount of crime and violence committed by individuals with long guns is statistically insignificant when compared to handguns. Why does this bill restrict long guns? Why is this bill not focused on the regulation of handguns?

If the authors of this bill were truly concerned with saving human lives, they would focus on regulating handguns, but they go well beyond that. So what are their motives? Why aren't they focusing on restricting the weapons that are used most frequently in crime? Why aren't they focused on helping the people that use firearms while committing crime?

I strongly question the motives behind this bill. Last time I checked, more children die of child abuse every week than are killed by firearms in an entire year (stats taken from the CDC). If the bill sponsors are truly concerned with saving lives, why are they expending energy and resources on gun control instead things like child abuse prevention?

Firearms can be frightening to people that are not familiar with them. Citizens having access to military style firearms and ammunition can seem unnecessary to those who are unfamiliar with The Constitution, world history, and/or the results of governmental oppression. Instead of baselessly restricting firearm access to law abiding citizens, the bill sponsors should focus on educating themselves and others about why firearms are critical to a free society. They should focus on why the Second Amendment was written, and why it was written second.

I again reiterate my deep concern over the motives behind this bill. I will trust that the authors' motives are in good faith, and I will believe that they feel they are doing the right thing, but no matter what the motives are, laws must be based in proven, unbiased fact. HB3075 is not that. HB3075 will damage our society. It's fiscal costs to society have not been revealed and will likely be an unnecessary burden to

taxpayers.

I truly hope that in the very near future, those that support and oppose HB3075 can somehow come together in agreement to save lives, educate, and protect rights. I know there is a solution to the issue of violence with firearms and the only way we are going to find that solution is to look for it together. Above all, this is my wish.

Thank you for your time.

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