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On Behalf Of:

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I am a retired chief of police with 42 years of law enforcement service. This bill does absolutely nothing to enhance public safety,

and is unconstitutionally burdensome on law abiding citizens who wish to purchase/carry a firearm for self-defense. It adds nothing substantive to existing requirements for the purchase of firearms. Current background investigation requirements are sufficient to ensure that those who cannot lawfully purchase a firearm are prevented from doing so. Magazine limits ignore the reality that the unlawful use of a firearm, including their use in violent assaults, involve less than 10 rounds of ammunition being fired. It also ignores the fact that many handguns today are manufactured with magazines which contain more than 10 rounds and that 10 round magazines are not available for them.

Postponing the implementation of the permit to purchase requirement, which will likely be ruled unconstitutional, is recognition of the fact that the mechanism for obtaining a permit to purchase does not exist nor will it be possible or financially feasible to have such a system in place at any time in the future. The burden it would impose on local law enforcement is impossible to justify particularly in small, rural jurisdictions where it would detract from the ability to provide critical patrol and detective services.

I strongly urge a no vote on this unnecessary measure.