

Submitter: Adam Kelley  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Chairman and Committee members,

I am a homeowner in Marion County. I stand in stark and unyielding opposition to HB4145. I spent time watching the testimony of state legislators from the Feb 2nd meeting, and do not feel the need to reiterate the clear and fact based points brought out in opposition to this bill. This bill does nothing to reduce crime, and will have no real positive effect on gun related violence in this state, and that has already been proven by like efforts in other states and even on federal experiments involving limiting our 2nd amendment rights. The so called "assault weapons ban" of 1994 did nothing to reduce violence. As a person who believes that facts are only the first step in viewing an issue, with wisdom required to take the facts and turn them into decision supporting Truth, I am highly disappointed in this committee.

The simply Truth is that if your bill was based on facts and real cause and effect data, applied without favor and with a significant amount of integrity, you wouldn't need to try to slip it past the people of this state, past all courts in the state but the one you have confidence in taking your side, and even past our elected representatives. Men and women of integrity would stop to consider that if the only way they can get THEIR way is to play this dirty, then maybe their way isn't the right way. You will have constituents who will applaud your political maneuvering, but they will only include the ignorant and the integrity less.

The founders of this country and the creators of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were truly great, creating a template for the longest standing form of government on the Earth today. One of the things they believed was that government was not to operate in the dark, behind closed doors, and without the support of the people. Do not fool yourselves into thinking that what you are doing with this bill, in it's content, intentions, and attempted method of adoption, are for the good of the people.

You are all good people, and you have all done good things, but politics corrupts. I urge you to take an honest look at yourselves and this bill, and vote no.

Thank you,  
Adam