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On Behalf Of:

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To whom it may concern, I write this in effort to dissuade you from moving forward with this bill. This bill takes a constitutional right to keep and bear arms and reduces it to a privilege that may be denied at will. If a citizen must first ask permission to exercise a right, the right doesn't exist as intended. Compare this to wanting to exercise your first amendment right to speak freely on a topic, but first having to submit your thought and pay a fee, and wait for approval before posting a Facebook status. Furthermore, requiring additional training requirements and fees that make this process even less accessible to those of lower income, and adding additional time for the permit to be approved. For example this could prevent a single mother leaving an abusive relationship from being able to legally acquire a firearm for protection in short order due to the waiting period for the permit to be issued and the training completed. Furthermore, the additional clauses regarding magazine sizes and the restrictions thereof further restrict the ownership and use of firearms and their standard components from those in common use by law abiding citizens for both sporting and self defense purposes.

Additionally, the speed at which this has been rammed through the legislature with minimal public input and comment availability is concerning and feels disingenuous to a body that claims to have the best interest of the people in mind.

Please stop this bill, and stop trying to take away the constitutional rights granted to American citizens.

Respectfully, Jim Schleusner