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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing to respectfully urge you to reconsider and oppose this proposed bill. The legislation, as written, transforms a constitutional right into a privilege that may be granted or denied at the discretion of the state. When a citizen must first seek permission, pay fees, and wait for approval before exercising a right, that right is fundamentally diminished.

Consider how we would view a requirement to submit our thoughts for approval and pay a fee before exercising free speech online. Such a prerequisite would rightly be seen as an infringement. The same principle applies here. The right to keep and bear arms should not be contingent upon burdensome administrative processes that effectively restrict access.

The additional training mandates, fees, and extended approval timelines disproportionately affect lower-income individuals, making lawful firearm ownership less accessible to those who may need it most. For example, a single mother attempting to leave an abusive relationship could be prevented from obtaining a firearm for protection in a timely manner due to waiting periods and required coursework. Policies that delay access can unintentionally place vulnerable individuals at greater risk.

Furthermore, restrictions on magazine capacities and other commonly owned components limit access to firearms and accessories that are in widespread lawful use for sporting and self-defense purposes. These measures impose additional constraints on law-abiding citizens rather than addressing criminal misuse.

Finally, the speed with which this bill has advanced through the legislative process, with limited opportunity for meaningful public input, is deeply concerning. Legislation that affects fundamental rights deserves thorough debate, transparency, and genuine engagement with the citizens it impacts.

I respectfully ask that you halt this bill and protect the constitutional rights afforded to American citizens.

Respectfully,  
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