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Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my concern about the safety of marginalized communities, particularly BIPOC and LGBTQ+ individuals, who face a higher risk of violence and hate crimes. Their right to self-defense is critical, yet proposed firearm restrictions, including an assault weapons ban, could put them at greater risk. Many individuals rely on firearms as an equalizer for protection. Limiting access to certain weapons could leave them defenseless against threats.

Additionally, such restrictions could increase negative interactions with law enforcement. Historically, BIPOC individuals have faced disproportionate policing and criminalization. Tighter gun laws may lead to increased profiling and enforcement in marginalized communities, further endangering those simply trying to exercise their right to self-defense.

Given the rising violence and systemic challenges, I urge you to consider how these policies could leave vulnerable communities unprotected and at higher risk of negative law enforcement encounters.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your response and hope we can work together to ensure the safety and rights of all individuals.

Sincerely,
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