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**From:** Ray Murphy <raymurphy10@gmail.com>  
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To All Concerned,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed gun control bills: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891. I specifically oppose any gun control legislation trying to be snuck through as part of the budget or under any other guise. As a concerned citizen and responsible gun owner, I believe these proposed measures would infringe on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens without effectively addressing the root causes of gun violence.

I firmly believe that the best way to prevent gun crimes is to enforce existing laws and focus on mental health support, not to further restrict the rights of responsible gun owners. It is a very well known fact that strict gun control does not stem gun violence. If that were the case, Chicago and Washington D.C. would be the safest places in the country as their gun laws are the most onerous in the country. On the contrary, both cities have the highest rates of gun crime found anywhere.

I urge you to carefully consider the potential consequences of this legislation, including:

Disarming law-abiding citizens:

Stricter gun control laws disproportionately impact responsible citizens, while criminals will always find ways to acquire firearms illegally.

Erosion of self-defense capabilities:

The right to bear arms is essential for personal protection, especially in areas with high crime rates.

Negative impact on the hunting and sports shooting community:

These proposed restrictions could significantly hinder lawful recreational activities.

I strongly encourage you to vote against this proposed legislation and prioritize solutions that address the underlying issues contributing to gun violence, rather than punishing responsible gun owners.

I, like many other voters, have changed our political party affiliation to unaffiliated, to broaden our potential voting impact and support the candidates who will protect our second amendment rights and/or vote against any candidate who does not support these rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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