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As an honorably served Naval veteran, I recall the oath I swore to defend the constitution of the United States of America and am reminded here today that I must continue to stand by that oath as it is clear to me that the constitution is continually at risk not only from foreign threats but from domestic threats as well.

I am deeply troubled and disappointed that I must confront my own state government in defense of the very freedoms that so many have fought for and died to preserve and are continuing to defend with their lives at this very moment .

My children's generation have now taken the oaths in defense of our nation that the members of this committee have taken and it is for those who serve now in our defense that I address this committee today.

The second amendment is a simple sentence. It's meaning and purpose are unmistakable.

For example;

" The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". Notice the conspicuous absence of any reference to the authority of the state [granting] the right to keep and bear arms. The absence of such language is unmistakable in it's inference. The right of the people to keep and bear arms without infringement is an inherent right that does not require any governments ascent to its existence.

The purpose of the second amendment was simple. It serves as the safeguard against the encroachments of a despotic, tyrannical government that would seek to elevate itself above the people it allegedly serves, for the purpose of subjugating them.

The hubris of SB 941 is a slap in the face to those who have served and those who are now serving .

This proposed legislation deliberately targets law abiding citizens and poses no threat to the criminal element due to the simple fact that the criminal element has no regard for either current or subsequent legislation.

In conclusion; it is my sincere hope that this committee will display a measure of gratitude for the sacrifices so many have made for the freedoms we all enjoy by abandoning this egregious bill.

Sincerely; Gordon B. Morrison