

Dear Senator Manning & Committee,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the proposed Senate Bill 719 and the failed preceding measures that birthed SB719. It seems to me that the entire goal of these bills is to push an anti-gun agenda and not the pursuit of true protection to the citizens you have sworn to serve. There is no empirical data supporting the bill, in its current form it will create a zero net positive increase in protection of lives. It will create the possibility for nearly unchecked corruption in vindictiveness, and most importantly, put the legal rights of citizens, which you have sworn to serve, at great peril due to baseless claims, with no promise of enrichment. Enrichment being that we sometimes infringe our rights by choice, due to the greater benefit to ourselves and those around us.

This letter is to urge you to not support SB719. It is a perilous bill fraught with unthought of corruption, its own wording opens the door to baseless or unproven claims by the 'Petitioner'. There are already laws in place stopping people with felonious or psychiatric convictions (including domestic violence) from purchasing and owning firearms, or other so called 'deadly weapons'. There are already checks, balances and hurdles for purchasing firearms, which I have seen many times being a gun owner. Adding a second bill that would allow me or other citizens, in spite, to cause another person to have their rights stripped from them without due process is an act of domestic terrorism. This bill requires that the court make a decision against the 'Respondent' the same day the 'Petitioner' makes their claim. This is not due process and is tantamount to ***guilty until proven innocent***, which is anti-American to say it politely.

As a sworn official you owe your constituents better. If the end goal is the protection of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, focus on enforcing existing laws, creating community awareness and teach responsible ownership of firearms and other means by which people protect the sanctity of life. The **Federal Assault Weapons Ban**, officially named **Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act** of 1994 also showed zero net gains in protecting lives because it broad brushed a problem of the human heart, with legislation aimed at devices (guns) and removing rights from people, without the use of intelligence or common sense. In the following article I urge you to pay special attention to the section titled **Studies on effectiveness of the legislation**.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Assault_Weapons_Ban

With all due respect,

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