

Dear Senate Judicial Committee,

On December 17, 2015 your committee held a workshop to learn from invited experts what is the cause of and what to do about gun violence. There was not a single expert who identified people accused of stalking as a risk category. In addition, not a single expert recommended stripping due process rights from people based on the accusation of others who are not qualified to determine if someone is a risk. Yet people who fit these descriptions are the target of HB 4145. Why is the Legislature wasting tax payer money and legislative time on this legislation rather than legislation that would actually make a difference in gun violence...according to the experts?

A no vote on HB 4145 will put people ahead of politics. Conversely, a yes vote will put politics ahead of people.

I urge you to vote no...and honor your oath of office.

There is no reliable evidence this legislation will improve public safety. There is however abundant reliable evidence that this legislation will harm law abiding citizens.

Stop this intolerant, discriminatory, hateful, cruel, harmful, disgraceful legislation being advocated by dishonest out of state interests.

Thank you for your service.

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