

To the House Government Operations Committee

I am writing tonight in support of the state preemption of firearms regulation. Vermont is way too small to have a patchwork of different rules for firearms from one town to another. If you set aside the Sportsman's Bill of Rights for Burlington there will certainly follow other such requests and once you have set aside preemption you will have little rationale for disapproving any others. State preemption is important!

I am not 100% opposed to all of the Burlington proposals, although I have serious concerns about many aspects. If any of these are really good ideas then bring them out as state issues. In particular, carrying while intoxicated. What's so special about that in Burlington? Sounds dangerous anyplace. But restricting possession in a fine restaurant while not drinking is excessive!

Thank you,

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