

Good afternoon,

I am writing to request that you please pass along to the committee which is holding hearing on H. 566, H. 567, and H. 568 my vehement opposition. In the event that these unconstitutional changes are allowed, our great State will become a hodgepodge of local ordinances which are in direct conflict with both Title 24, section 2295, the Vermont Sportsman Bill of Rights and Article 16 of the Vermont Constitution.

These proposals are clearly unconstitutional based upon recent federal and US Supreme Court decisions regarding the Second Amendment. Firearms can already be confiscated in suspected domestic violence situations statewide, even before any due process of law.

NONE of these proposals will ever do anything to curb or reduce gun violence or other related crime. They are merely stepping stones to a wider imposition of gun control for the sake of ultimately making firearms ownership a severely restricted privilege! Not the Right guaranteed to us all! Criminals will never surrender their firearms, no matter what the laws may or may not say.

NO individual right should be subject to a popular vote. Such liberties are enshrined so as to forever shelter them from such wanton and reckless judgments that shift erratically based on temporary societal attitudes that come and go with the passage of time.

I would URGE you to kill these bills in your committee.

Thank you.

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