

RE: Support for 7217 to stop the sale of assault weapons and 7217 secure storage requirement

Chair Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

It's well past time for a vote. Each year of delay allows more of these weapons to be sold here.

Don't wait for the unthinkable to act. Within months of the 4th of July parade shooting Highland Park, Illinois became the 9th state to ban assault weapons.

The unthinkable got closer five months ago. Nine of the 18 people killed by the shooter in Lewiston, Maine were at the Schemengees Bar and Grille on a Wednesday. My brother-in-law's pool group played there on Thursdays.

We know you have the votes to pass this legislation. You must ask yourselves how you would feel if a weapon sold this year was used for a mass shooting. When you could have acted sooner.

In closing, I am glad to report that my representative, Deputy Speaker Raymond Hull (copied on this testimony), is a cosponsor of both 7217 and 7373. Both of these bills are critical to our public safety. It time to act.

Sincerely,

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