

Chairperson McEntee, Representative Messier, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to oppose House Bill 7035.

This bill would unnecessarily restrict law-abiding citizens while doing little to address criminal activity. There are many legitimate reasons someone may need to purchase more than one firearm in a short period of time. For example, participation in 3-gun competitions requires a pistol, shotgun, and rifle. Under this bill, a new participant could be forced to wait months just to get started.

Additionally, existing federal law already requires dealers to report multiple handgun purchases within a five-day period to both federal and local law enforcement. This system is already in place to identify suspicious activity, making further restrictions unnecessary.

Law-abiding citizens who pass background checks should not be subject to arbitrary limits, especially when those limits do not meaningfully impact criminal behavior.

I respectfully urge the Committee not to advance this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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