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Esteemed Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I strongly oppose House Bill 7636. While this legislation is framed as “voluntary,” the actual structure of the bill creates a dangerous precedent for government-managed watchlists tied directly to the exercise of a constitutional right. Once an individual is placed on the restricted list, the state immediately suspends their ability to purchase or possess firearms and even suspends their concealed carry permit (H 7636, §23-106-6). This is a serious deprivation of rights, and the bill normalizes the idea that the government should maintain databases of citizens who have voluntarily surrendered constitutional protections.

The bill also allows healthcare providers to submit individuals to the restricted list electronically (H 7636, §23-106-4(b)(2)), which raises serious concerns about privacy, coercion, and the potential for misunderstanding or pressure in medical settings. Even though the bill claims the process is voluntary, involving third parties in the submission process opens the door to abuse and miscommunication.

Furthermore, the bill imposes a civil fine for mere possession of a firearm by someone on the list (H 7636, §23-106-10(a)), meaning that a person who mistakenly believes they have been removed — or who is unaware of a processing delay — could be penalized for exercising a constitutional right. This is not a harmless administrative measure; it is a system that risks punishing people for paperwork.

Mental-health support should never be tied to the creation of a government-managed registry that restricts civil liberties. People should feel safe seeking help, not fear that doing so will place them on a list that suspends their rights and requires formal removal procedures to restore them.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject H 7636.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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