

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

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 8070, which would explicitly allow students, professors, and employees at public and private colleges and universities to carry and possess stun guns or pepper spray for the purpose of self-defense.

Campus safety is a serious concern, and individuals on campus should have the ability to protect themselves from potential threats. H8070 provides a reasonable and measured approach by permitting non-lethal self-defense tools, while maintaining prohibitions on more dangerous weapons and ensuring appropriate safeguards. By clarifying the law, this bill empowers responsible individuals to defend themselves without fear of legal repercussions, while maintaining a safe environment for the broader campus community.

This legislation strikes the right balance between personal safety and public security. I strongly urge the Committee to support H8070 and allow it to move forward for a vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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