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OPPOSE H8073 - Criminalizing Law-Abiding Citizens

This letter expresses strong opposition to **H8073**. The proposed legislation, which seeks to ban the possession of firearms that were previously legally acquired and "grandfathered" under prior law, is concerning for the following reasons:

- **Retroactive Impact on Legal Property:** Citizens who purchased these items legally and in good faith would be forced to forfeit private property. This bill essentially criminalizes the continued possession of property that was lawfully obtained, imposing severe penalties on individuals who have committed no other crime.
- **Erosion of Regulatory Certainty:** Legal "grandfathering" clauses are essential for maintaining public trust in the law. Removing these protections suggests that compliance with current regulations offers no long-term security, as legal activities can be rendered illegal retroactively.
- **Focus on Law-Abiding Citizens:** The bill primarily impacts those who follow the law and register or maintain their property according to state requirements. It creates new criminal classifications for existing owners rather than focusing resources on addressing violent crime or the illicit trafficking of firearms.

The transformation of law-abiding residents into felons through the removal of grandfathering protections is a concerning precedent. A vote of "NO" on H8073 is requested.

Sincerely,

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