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Dear House Judiciary Committee members and Clerk

So much for protecting the second amendment rights of lawful gun owners. The subject bill, as it now reads amounts to a confiscation of lawfully owned firearms. I do not know which members of the committee had the genius notion of adding the word "possession" to the existing bill and thus making felons of many hundreds of lawful gun owners and your constituents. But I believe you may have bitten off more than you will be able to chew in terms of the constitutionality of your legislation.

While I do not own a firearm myself, I am a strong supporter of 2nd amendment and I strongly object to the general assembly's efforts to rewrite both our federal constitution and our state constitution. Our state constitution could not be more clear when it provides that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Please take note that the word "shall" is used. It is stated in the imperative. It could have used the word "may" which allows for some discretion, but it did not.

Nor should you ladies and gentlemen feel entitled to interpret or usurp the clear language of either the federal constitution or our states corollary provision.

I implore you to do the right thing and kill this bill in committee and not let it go to the floor for vote. Thank you for your consideration.

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