

Ladies and gentlemen,

I exhort you to consider carefully this legislation, and precisely whom it would be targeting. You would allow organizations/jurisdictions to target otherwise law abiding citizens. The nature of the case is if you have your concealed handgun license, you are a law abiding Citizen. It will do nothing, nothing to deter the lawless. Perhaps ladies and gentlemen have a visceral distain for firearms or those who wield them lawfully and safely. But you abrogate your God-given duty as an elected representative of the people, to punish the wicked and reward or encourage the good. Would you instead redefine good and evil on your own terms, doing what is right in your own eyes? Foolishness. The founders of this nation recognized, not granted but recognized, certain inalienable rights, the first being life. Do you so distain life, that you would prevent citizens from protecting themselves and the innocents around them, and instead make them criminals so that, perhaps, you feel better? I suppose that would at least be consistent with many who hold the position that is if it is acceptable to rip a baby out of the womb and kill it. Consistent, yet wicked. Would you rule by emotion and feeling rather than wisdom and prudence? This is folly. Perhaps you have never had an intense encounter with the criminal sort. But many of us have. Pray that you don't have any of these encounters, as they are not pleasant, but they are life-changing. In the meantime, please uphold your duty, to uphold the liberty of your citizens, and lock your emotions in the trunk, not our lawfully possesses tools for self-defense.