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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: HB2007

I fully oppose HB 2007 here are a few reasons why.

1. It violates Second Amendment rights.: It infringes on the Second Amendment rights of citizens to bear arms by allowing public entities to adopt policies that prohibite concealed handgun licensees from carrying in public buildings and adjacent grounds.
2. HB 2007 leaves citizens open to attacks from criminals who do not follow gun laws. This bill will disarm law-abiding citizens who are in public areas where they may need to defend themselves and/or their loved ones.
3. HB 2007 creates confusion for concealed handgun licensees who are trying to navigate through the different policies adopted by public entities. This law makes it difficult for licensees to understand where they can and cannot carry their firearms.
4. Punishes concealed handgun licensees unfairly. HB 2007 imposes disproportionate penalties on concealed handgun licensees who violate policies adopted by public entities. The law results in a class A misdemeanor conviction punishable by 364 days imprisonment, \$6250 fine, or both , for those who carry firearms in buildings or on grounds subject to such policies. This penalty is unfair and unjustified for those who are law abiding citizens exercising their rights to bear arms.