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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: HB2572

Good afternoon House Committee On Rules.

I am strongly urging you to oppose and stop, HB 2572 in it's tracks. This outrageous and insulting bill has massive opposition and is only supported by the most extreme anti-gun organizations like the "League of Women Voters" and the "Alliance for Gun Responsibility".

While the promoters of the bill have insisted it's "not a gun" bill, if you read it in its entirety, you will see that there is no question this bill is intended to strip the rights of legally armed people to protect their property. And while those who are promoting it are trying to mislead voters, this bill defines "paramilitary organizations" as:

"Private paramilitary organization' means any group of three or more persons associating under a command structure for the purpose of functioning in public or training to function in public as a combat, combat support, law enforcement or security services unit."

In section 2 of HB 2572, the definition of "private paramilitary organization" is quite broad and could in fact apply to a private security company, since a private security company would not fall within the law enforcement exception in subsection (3). It could also apply to a church security team.

This bill is not only an attack on private citizens protecting property, it is almost certainly unconstitutional. Thank you for your time and consideration, as well as your service to our great state.

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