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On Behalf Of:

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Management, Federal and World Affairs

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB947

I firmly oppose SB947, as it is just plain wrong! George Mason, author of the Virginia Bill of Rights, said, "I ask, Sir, what is the Militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials." The Supreme Court has repeatedly confirmed that "Militia" in context refers to "the People" and their individual right to keep and bear arms.

The National Guard, (and "national guard" as it appears in the language of this bill,) is most definitely NOT the Militia, and the Militia is just as definitely NOT the National Guard! The National Guard was created many, many years after the U.S. Constitution was ratified and became the law of the land.

This bill, SB947, goes against the principles of our Founding Fathers and the U.S. Constitution, and it's only purpose is to infringe upon the People's right to keep and bear arms.

The People are the Militia, and "The right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed!"