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I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB3075, a proposed gun law that, while ostensibly aimed at enhancing public safety, fundamentally undermines our constitutional rights and disproportionately affects law-abiding citizens.

1. Constitutional Concerns:

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. Any legislation that imposes undue restrictions on this right must be scrutinized rigorously. HB3075 introduces measures that could infringe upon this fundamental liberty, setting a dangerous precedent for government overreach. The Founding Fathers recognized the importance of an armed populace as a safeguard against tyranny, and any attempt to diminish this right must be met with vigorous opposition.

2. Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:

The reality is that law-abiding citizens are not the problem. They are responsible gun owners who follow the law and use firearms for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. HB3075 will impose additional burdens on these individuals, making it more difficult for them to exercise their rights. Increased regulations can lead to confusion, unintentional violations, and a chilling effect on responsible gun ownership. Instead of targeting criminals who misuse firearms, this law punishes those who adhere to the law.

3. Criminals Will Still Obtain Guns:

History has shown that criminals do not abide by laws. No matter how many restrictions are placed on law-abiding citizens, those intent on committing crimes will find ways to obtain firearms, whether through illegal means or by circumventing regulations. In fact, stricter laws often create a black market for firearms, making it easier for criminals to acquire weapons without the oversight that applies to legitimate purchasers. Thus, HB3075 will not achieve its intended goals of reducing gun violence; instead, it will create a false sense of security while failing to address the root causes of crime.

4. A Call for Effective Solutions:

Rather than focusing on punitive measures against responsible gun owners, we should be advocating for solutions that effectively address gun violence without infringing on constitutional rights. This includes promoting mental health initiatives, enhancing community outreach, and supporting law enforcement efforts to combat illegal gun trafficking. A comprehensive approach that respects the rights of

individuals while addressing public safety concerns is the only way to create lasting change.

In conclusion, HB3075 is a misguided attempt to tackle a complex issue with simplistic measures that will ultimately harm law-abiding citizens while doing little to deter criminal activity. I urge lawmakers to reconsider this legislation and instead focus on strategies that uphold our constitutional rights and effectively enhance public safety.