

Submitter: Scott Taylor
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1015
Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott Taylor, and I am writing in opposition to SB 1015.

I appreciate the intent to reduce community violence, but this bill raises several concerns regarding transparency, accountability, and effectiveness.

First, SB 1015 lacks a clear financial impact statement. It proposes a grant program funded by taxpayer dollars without adequate detail on how funds will be allocated or measured for success. This kind of vague budgeting opens the door to inefficiency, misuse, and waste.

Second, while the bill references “evidence-informed” services, it does not define what qualifies as sufficient evidence. Without clear criteria or proven track records, we risk funding programs based on ideology or good intentions rather than real results.

Third, I’m concerned that this grant program could be used to funnel public money into organizations that advocate for stricter gun control laws — efforts I do not support. Rather than investing in advocacy that seeks to limit the rights of law-abiding citizens, I believe we should enforce the gun laws we already have on the books. That means providing our law enforcement agencies with the resources and support they need to do their jobs effectively.

Lastly, SB 1015 deliberately excludes law enforcement from eligibility for these grants. I believe that’s a mistake. A comprehensive approach to reducing violence must include coordination between community groups and law enforcement, not draw artificial lines between them.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB 1015.

Thank you for your time and consideration.