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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB947

I oppose SB 947, because, despite our National Guard operating under a dual state-federal framework, "militia" refers to ALL able-bodied citizens capable of bearing arms, NOT just organized military units. Changing this term will undermine the idea of civilian responsibility in defense.

Also, redefining "militia" will affect interpretations of the Federal Second Amendment, which protects the right to keep and bear arms. Narrowing the definition could lead to severe restrictions on individual gun ownership rights.