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HB23-1165 County Authority To Prohibit Firearms Discharge

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Toby Davidow For themselves	<p>Chair Froelich & Members of the Committee,</p> <p>I am writing to urge your support of HB23-1165, Rep. Amabile's bill to allow County Commissions to regulate the discharge of firearms on private property in unincorporated areas of the State. Each of our lives are at risk with the possibility - probability - of injury or death by someone shooting off a gun in their yard - from their property - when the mood strikes. This bill could be a life saver!</p> <p>Some time ago, the teenage son of a friend of my daughter - while the parents were away - shot and killed himself while showing off, to a few friends visiting -using the gun his Dad had kept in a closet. If they were outdoors, he might have killed someone else too. I will never forget how my daughter reacted to this and how my husband and I felt at the dreadful news.</p> <p>This bill could be a deterrent to yet another tragedy.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention,</p> <p>Toby Davidow</p>
Ron Callaway Against themselves	<p>This proposed law will not do even one thing to prevent shootings. The way to stop these shootings is with more and better mental health services. I would like to see resources used for this rather than more gun control. I will do everything I can to oppose any more laws against private citizen ownership of firearms. That is all this law if passed will do. Ron Callaway</p>
Janet Day Against themselves	<p>I oppose HB23-1165, as it will prevent lawful citizens from discharging their firearms on large plots of privately owned property where there is no threat of injury or harm to others.</p>
Penny Brackenbury Against themselves	<p>This country was founded on the constitution with the teeth of the second amendment. "Shall Not Be Infringed". Citizens with 20 acres of land should be able to shoot safely, and not have their culture voted away by californias rejects</p>
Jeanne Bucci None themselves	<p>Chair Froelich and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>I am writing in support of HB23-1165, County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge, which would allow local county commissioner</p>

	<p>boards to regulate the discharge of firearms on private property in unincorporated areas of the state.</p> <p>There is significant danger to the public when firearms are discharged on private land that abuts more populous areas. There is great concern about people being hit by stray bullets.</p> <p>I was informed of an incident in which a deer was shot dead in front of a group of children waiting at their school bus stop. Thank goodness no bullets hit those children!</p> <p>Will we soon be adding school bus stops to the long list of places, which already includes schools, grocery stores, places of worship, movie theaters, holiday parades, and many others, where our children are being shot?</p> <p>The number one cause of death to children in the US is firearms. It is up to the grown-ups to fix this problem and keep our children safe!</p> <p>Friends who live in unincorporated Boulder tell me they hear gunshots regularly and it is disturbing. They don't know if they should be calling the police to report a potentially dangerous situation, or if it is just someone engaging in target practice.</p> <p>It makes sense to allow county commissioner boards to have the authority to address the specific needs of their communities. Especially regarding firearms, which is potentially an issue of life or death.</p> <p>Please vote "Yes" on HB23-1165</p> <p>Thank you Jeanne Bucci Boulder County Resident</p>
<p>Randy Dworshak Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill will not promote safety. This bill is government over reach into peoples personal rights and responsibilities. I strongly OPPOSE this bill.</p>
<p>Carolyn Shepherd For themselves</p>	<p>Chair Froelich and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>I live in Boulder County and nearly every week I hike our beautiful Ponderosa foothills trails. While some are quiet and peaceful, others are interrupted by people discharging firearms. Just last week the crows and jays were racing away overhead as people were firing rifles on our hike to Polly's Cabin near Nederland. During these hikes, there is a moment when I need to decide if I should turn around and flee, or if someone is shooting at tin cans in their backyard and I am in the line of fire.</p>

	<p>Today, guns are everywhere in Colorado. Our state ranks worse than the national average (12.2 gun deaths per 100k residents) for gun violence. Colorado is at 17.8 gun deaths per 100k Colorado residents. Discharging firearms in densely populated areas contributes to this sad statistic, and is not limited to urban areas. I support HB23-1165. County commissioners need the best tools to take action to limit gun use in populated areas and basing decisions on the number of dwellings will be much more precise and consistent than guessing the number of people living in an area. I encourage the committee to vote YES on HB23-1165-County Authority to Prevent Firearm Discharge. Thank you.</p>
<p>Wesley Buhr Against themselves</p>	<p>I believe if shooting on private property is done in a safe manner then it should be allowed. It has been done this way since the beginning of time. What you do on private property is your business. If it is the noise that is the problem pass a bill to implement the use of silencers.</p>