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HB22-1145 Possess Large Ammunition Magazine For Competitions

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Toby Davidow Against Self	<p>I am writing to urge the defeat of this bill - HB 22-1145. The need for larger ammunition magazines makes no sense at all - competition or no competition? How many more innocents could be put into danger - even accidentally? Where is gun safety - even considered? Where is the life of an innocent to be safe even considered?</p> <p>Vote NO on this! I urge you.</p> <p>Thank you, Toby Davidow</p>
Carolyn Shepherd Against Self	<p>I urge the Committee to vote against HB22-1145. Unless one is enlisting in the Ukrainian Defense Force, there is no reason for high-capacity magazines in a moral society in 2022. Other than military applications, there is no setting in American society where the use of large ammunition magazines is appropriate: not for competition, not for hunting, not for slaughtering people in a theater, school or at an outdoor concert. There is no legitimate competition venue for large ammunition magazines. Please uphold the complete ban on these useless weapons of mass destruction. Vote against HB22-1145.</p>
Jared Carlson For Self	<p>My name is Jared Carlson, a Colorado Native, and I am a competitive shooter in the local 3 gun/multi gun series. I started this sport about 7 years ago and have fell in love with it not only for the competition, but for the friendships. I compete in the sport on a weekly basis throughout Colorado and our sport is strong with competitors.</p> <p>Large capacity magazines are an important factor within our competitions and therefore HB22-1145-possessing large capacity magazines for competition purposes should be passed.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jared Carlson</p>
Andrew Durkee For Self	<p>I am submitting this testimony in strong support of passing HB22-1145. I have been a resident of Colorado for over 4 years, am a 9 year veteran of the USAF, and a member of the competitive shooting community for over 8 years. Competitive shooting provides a safe and highly effective environment for individuals to hone their shooting skills while building strong community relationships, and encouraging the safe and responsible use of firearms. It is also an incredibly fun and challenging sport that uniquely caters to all skill levels simultaneously.</p> <p>HB22-1145 would greatly benefit the people of Colorado, bringing in more tourism and economic dollars to the state, promoting competitive</p>

	<p>equity on the national and international stage, and enhancing the experience and safety of those new to competitive shooting. The NSSF estimated that target shooters in Colorado spent over \$620 Million in 2016 alone. This bill would entice more shooters to travel to and spend their money in Colorado. Additionally, the existing capacity limit places an unfair disadvantage to Colorado shooters compared to those from states without capacity limits. Finally, larger magazines would allow new shooters to focus on a safe and fun first match instead of worrying about unnecessary magazine changes required by state law.</p> <p>In addition to my support for HB22-1145 specifically, I believe this bill would also be an important step towards correcting a legislative failure in Colorado that has not stopped the crime it was intended to prevent, but also unjustly burdened ordinary law-abiding citizens.</p> <p>Opponents of HB22-1145 may reference horrific mass shootings as a reason to reject this bill. The logic goes, requiring an active shooter to reload more often will provide more time for a bystander to intervene or escape. In reality, zero mass shootings in Colorado have been stopped this way. An active shooter chooses the time and place of their attack very carefully. They have control of the situation bringing many magazines (and firearms) and reloading their weapons as necessary (often before their weapon is empty). On the other hand, a law-abiding citizen using a firearm to defend their own life from an attack has had zero choice in the confrontation. The difference between an empty gun and 2 or 3 more rounds in an encounter can mean the difference between life and death. It is commonly said: Nobody has every reflected on their use of a firearm and said "I wish I had less ammo in my magazine."</p>
David Hartman Amend Self	<p>I was born and raised in Arvada, Colorado and left after 36 years. I am a professional shooter, content creator and owner of two firearms businesses.</p> <p>In 2012 I protested the magazine ban on the footsteps of the Colorado State Capital. I wrote all of my representatives and asked them not to sign the magazine ban. To my dismay the ban passed and with a stroke of a pen turned countless friends, family and acquaintances into suspected criminals if we couldn't prove the manufacture date of common personally owned property.</p> <p>These days when I visit Northern Colorado to compete in shooting matches (which I do several times per month in the spring & summer) I worry that I may get into legal trouble for the tools that I use in these matches.</p> <p>The Competition Exemption would make it easier for me to justify travel to all areas of Colorado for competition purposes and I would not have</p>

	<p>to worry about implicating friends and family that I may stay with in legal problems.</p> <p>However I don't think the exemption goes far enough and recommend a full repeal of the complicated and arbitrary magazine ban. It is clear from history that criminals do not follow laws and the only people negatively affected by this magazine ban are peaceable citizens living their lives with the best of intentions.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>David L. Hartman</p>
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Dear Chair Kennedy and members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony here today. My name is Abbey Winter, I am a parent, and teacher and I am the Colorado chapter leader with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I'm asking you to vote no on HB22-1145.

Currently, Colorado law prohibits individuals from possessing, transferring or selling large-capacity magazines (LCMs). This is a common sense public safety policy. LCMs are designed for lethality. Guns equipped with these types of magazines maximize injury and make fatality more likely. In fact, in mass shootings between 2009 and 2020, events that involved high-capacity magazines had 2x as many deaths and 16x as many injuries.

This bill allows for an exception to our current common sense standard, and would allow individuals to possess LCMs for competing in state-sanctioned firearm shooting competitions. However, I am extremely concerned that the bill language is very broad - it does not specifically state that LCMs may be possessed only during the firearm shooting competition.

It is concerning that individuals may use this bill as an opportunity to stockpile large-capacity magazines by simply stating they are planning on participating in a firearm shooting competition. Because of this concern, I ask you to preserve our current law, and vote no on HB22-1145.

Representative,

I am Testifying in support of HB22-1145. This proposed legislation would allow competitors to use standard Capacity Magazines or "LCM's" as you would call them unfortunately as they have been Standard Capacity and use with firearms since the 1970's. Not only is the restriction on these items unconstitutional and completely useless but this would allow competitors to use them during marksmanship and speed shooting sports/contests. Many firearms old and new use these standard capacity 30 round magazines and this would allow out of state and the citizens in our state to compete with their gear. This sport draws in competitors and crowds from out of state and around the state bringing revenue to the towns and locations that host these events; this proposed legislation would help make these events more streamlined and bring money to the localities that they reside. Supporting this legislation is supporting the Constitution & the Colorado State Constitution, Support HB22-1145.

Regards,

Benjamin O'Loughlin