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HB25-1238 Gun Show Requirements

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
mark Kaiser Against themselves	NO on Hb1238 There are already multiple Federal regulations in place for the items in this bill. This bill would only mimic regulations already in place.
Teresa Buttler For themselves	I support this bill. Common sense
Carolyn Shepherd For themselves	<p>Chairman Weissman and committee members,</p> <p>I am writing in support of SB25-1238. I am a retired doctor but I spent 30 years working in Colorado caring for low income and uninsured families. Before Colorado I worked in the Bronx in NYC and in Chicago at Cook County Hospital. In all these places my work has included caring for patients with gun related life-changing often incapacitating injuries and families devastated by gun violence. As physicians, our entire job is to relieve suffering, either by treating it or preventing it.</p> <p>In 1999, the year of the Columbine shooting, both of my children were in high school and knew sports friends who attended Columbine. In 2021 I went to my neighborhood King Soopers grocery store to buy a half gallon of milk less than one hour before the shooter arrived.</p> <p>My husband is from a family of gun owners, and in the fall each year he and family members hunt deer and elk in the northwest corner of the state, near their family home in Meeker. They allowed hunters to use their property for decades. As gun owners, I want you to know that we support strengthening gun show legislation. Strong regulatory measures at gun shows will limit the risks associated with unregulated or improper firearm transfers and the unlawful sale of large-capacity magazines. Regulatory measures including the requirement for gun show promoters and vendors to follow security protocols, conduct background checks, and ensure firearms are stored and handled safely will prevent tragedy. Please vote in favor of SB25-1238. Thank you for your time.</p>

<p>Leif Sigstedt Against themselves</p>	<p>I can hardly even keep up with all the bad legislation I see popping up this year (especially gun legislation). It would be like a full time job to oppose just half of these bills. This is obviously just a bill that's meant to harm the gun industry in Colorado and it will have little to no positive effect for our state. If I had more free time I'd give a longer explanation and break down exactly what's wrong with this piece by piece but sadly I don't have that time so all I can do is tell you that I am opposed to this bill in any form and urge you to vote NO. Thanks for your time and consideration. Our state gun businesses are an asset to us, and they shouldn't be treated like a problem that needs to be "fixed" and driven from the state.</p>
<p>Matthew Koziolk Against themselves</p>	<p>Please vote against this bill. It's obviously targeting gun owner culture in Colorado. Colorado has a rich history of responsible gun ownership and by targeting gun culture you are colonizing this state for the wealthy elite who fund the destruction of Colorado culture to replace it for profit. Putting these strict requirements on gun shows will make them move out of state and cost the state revenue, as tourists and Coloradans will go to those states that don't have extreme requirements for these kids of shows. Vote no.</p>
<p>Jeany Rush Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: House State Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee TO: Senate State Veterans & Military Affairs Committee RE: HB25-1238 Gun Show Requirements 2-24-25 Resent 3-18-25 Sponsors: Joseph, Camacho, Kipp FROM: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs Constituent VOTE: NO With every violation of the 2nd amendment that this body puts forth, I am always surprised. You are over 480 bills in one month, most made by outsiders to our state. You have continuously jabbed at the 2nd Amendment, like 1000 cuts! If you cannot outright violate the 2nd amendment, you are creating backdoors, gateways to undercutting a piece here, and a piece there. All of it undermines the fact, that we already have too many, governmental over reaching bills, laws, statutes. You violate the constitution daily with your bills. These all need to be legally challenged. But you already know this. This will cost the taxpayers more money, but then you already know this as well. Our state is rapidly turning into a Gulag and marxist haven. The innocent remain unprotected, and the guilty, and criminals have a leg up at every stand. I urge you to Stop this conscious attack on our rights in the 2nd amendment. All the things you are proposing are already covered. We are not advocating lawlessness. We are advocating the Constitution.</p>
<p>Gary Travis Against</p>	<p>Senators, I urge you to vote against HB25-1238. Background checks are already required at gun show sales. The gun shows I have attended had strong security measures and</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>required minors to be accompanied with guardians. Requiring vendors to have FFL is an unnecessary burden and an obvious end goal of ending gun shows. I and many other Colorado citizens will remember how you voted when the next election occurs.</p>
<p>Linnea Burson For themselves</p>	<p>I support this bill because I am in favor of all gun and ammunition bills that strive to close gun show loop holes and provide tougher regulations on gun manufacturers, distributors, sellers, and gun buyers.</p> <p>These regulations have no affect on any citizen's 2nd Amendment rights, regardless of many times they attempt to use that exceptionally lame excuse. It simply is not true. No responsible gun owner takes issue with gun safety and gun show laws.</p>

**Testimony in opposition to: HB25-1238, Requirements for Gun Shows
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Thank you, Chair and Committee

My name is Robert Edmiston. I am with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado an NRA-affiliated, all-volunteer, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection of individual rights and public safety.

I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration. While we are sure that the sponsors of this bill are only interested in promoting public safety, the practical effect of the proposal will be to kill gun shows in Colorado and further restrict the opportunities for citizens of the state to exercise their natural right to self-defense against crime, tyranny, terrorism, and genocide. There are already laws in place to regulate the sale of firearms by private citizens at gun shows. Current law requires that every prospective buyer undergo a background check and a three-day waiting period, before exercising a natural right recognized by the US and Colorado Constitutions. This proposal is unnecessary and harmful.

The exclusion of private citizens from participating in the sales of firearms from tables at gun shows is not only an affront to the US and Colorado Constitutions, it will destroy the shows, themselves. Fewer vendors will mean lower income from table rental for show promoters, not to mention the reduction in attendance that will certainly accompany this unnecessary measure. In addition, the administrative burden on gun show promoters will further disincentivize individuals from organizing shows.

The restriction on persons aged 18-20 attending gun shows without a parent, grandparent or guardian present seems to be in the amended version of the bill. This is shocking, given that the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that 18 year-olds, who can vote, serve in the military, sign contracts, and be tried as adults, are citizens of the US, who may not be denied their rights recognized under the Second Amendment. The exemption of active duty military and Colorado National Guard personnel is admirable, but what about a Guard member from another state? Imagine an honorably discharged 20-year-old disabled veteran having to ask "Daddy" to take him or her to a gun show, so he or she can patronize vendors who do not sell firearms. There was discussion of conforming the gun show requirements to the exemptions in the ammunition regulation bill, but these changes do not seem to be reflected in the on-line version of this bill.

How will a promoter identify a parent, grandparent, or guardian without a birth certificate or similar document. Some parents and grandparents do not have the same last name as the young people in their families.

Persons with technical and event planning experience have testified that there will be difficulties for promoters in setting up cameras and in storing videotapes for the length of time specified in the bill. These problems add to the other factors that provide disincentives for individuals to promote gun shows.

We are also concerned about possible Constitutional issues with this bill as it impacts the right of citizens to peaceably assemble.

We urge a "No" vote on this proposal.

Thank you.

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