

**Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs**

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**SB26-043 Record Keeping & Reg of Sale of Firearm Barrel**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Mark Kaiser  Against  himself	<p>This bill treats a "metal tube" as a regulated firearm, creating significant red tape without a clear path to reducing crime. Here are the primary arguments against the legislation:</p> <p>1. Redundancy and Lack of Utility</p> <p>Opponents argue that regulating barrels is a solution in search of a problem.</p> <p>â€¢ The "Paper Weight" Argument: A firearm barrel cannot fire a projectile on its own. It requires a receiver (the part of the gun that is already serialized and regulated by federal law) to function.</p> <p>â€¢ Existing Controls: Because the receiver is already the "firearm" under the law, anyone building a gun still has to pass a background check to get the functional heart of the weapon. Regulating the barrel is seen by many as adding a second, redundant layer of bureaucracy to a single finished product.</p> <p>2. Enforcement and Identification Nightmares</p> <p>One of the most practical arguments against the bill is that it is virtually unenforceable in its current form.</p> <p>â€¢ Missing Serial Numbers: Unlike receivers, the vast majority of firearm barrels are not serialized. Critics ask how the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or local FFLs are supposed to "record" a transfer accurately when there is no unique identifier on the part.</p> <p>3. Burdens on Law-Abiding Citizens</p> <p>The bill is seen as a direct hit to the hobbyist and competitive shooting communities.</p>

	<p>â€¢ The End of Private Sales: Under this bill, a person could no longer sell a spare barrel to a friend or at a swap meet without driving to a gun store, paying a transfer fee, and filling out government paperwork.</p> <p>â€¢ Impact on Maintenance: Shooters who "burn out" barrels through high-volume practice (like competitive long-range shooters) would face increased costs and logistical hurdles just to maintain their equipment.</p> <p>â€¢ Age Restrictions: By setting the age at 18, the bill prevents younger hunters or sport shooters from purchasing replacement parts for their own equipment, even if they legally own the firearm.</p> <p>4. Constitutional and Legal Concerns</p> <p>From a legal standpoint, the bill is seen by some as an "infringement by a thousand cuts."</p> <p>â€¢ Bruen Standard: Following recent Supreme Court rulings (like NYSRPA v. Bruen), any firearm regulation must be consistent with the nation's historical tradition.</p>
<p>Brandon Goyette</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I oppose any unconstitutional infringement on my 2nd Amendment rights. A barrel is a wearable firearm part, not a firearm by itself. I also oppose any unconstitutional firearm or firearm component registry.</p>
<p>Scott Zimmerman</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Oppose!</p>
<p>rich koeppl</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Position on SB25-043</p> <p>: Oppose</p> <p>This bill is another round of a thousand cuts on regulating parts, not criminals. It treats a barrel like a controlled item that must be routed through an FFL, tracked on a state form, and backed by new misdemeanor charges. That is not public safety. That is</p>

	<p>paperwork and penalties aimed at regular Coloradans trying to stay legal.</p> <p>I support the Second Amendment and due process. If the state wants to punish violent offenders, it should focus there. It should not build a new enforcement net around lawful purchase, repair, customization, and resale of common firearm components.</p> <p>SB26-043 expands regulation beyond clearly finished barrels. The definition includes any forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body, or similar article that “may readily be completed” or is “marketed or sold” to become a barrel. When a definition is that broad, it creates uncertainty for citizens and invites uneven enforcement. A law should be clear enough that people can comply without hiring a lawyer.</p> <p>The bill also criminalizes “intent” in a way that should concern anyone who believes in limited government. A non-dealer could face an unclassified misdemeanor for possessing a barrel with intent to sell or even offer to sell it outside the bill’s process. People upgrade parts, change calibers, and sell extras. This pushes ordinary, lawful behavior toward criminal exposure.</p> <p>Then there is the mandated paper trail. SB26-043 requires an FFL to record the purchaser’s full name, address, phone number, date of birth, ID number, and more, and to keep those records for at least five years on a CBI-prescribed form. That is not a targeted response to violent crime. It is a broad data-collection requirement aimed at lawful transactions.</p>
<p>Will Seligman Against themselves</p>	<p>OPPOSE!</p>
<p>Alessandra Almeyda Against themselves</p>	<p>I strongly OPPOSE this bill as it is a direct violation of our God given rights and it would cause me and my family great discomfort and harm.</p>

Matthew Bush Against themselves	This Bill places unwanted,unwarranted,and burdensome restrictions on the law abiding citizens of Colorado! It does nothing to make citizens of Colorado safer, but creates more red tape for law abiding citizens. This is a direct infringement on my second amendment right! VOTE NO AND TURN THIS BAD BILL DOWN!
Ed Schrader Against themselves	What are you trying to do? In what possible scenario will this make anyone safer? This is ridiculous.
Stuart Aronoff Against themselves	Stop the madness. Leave law abiding citizens alone. Please focus on the mental instability and not all these insane laws that do not make a difference. Just seems like padded pockets is the outcome instead of real world answers.
Dana Mason Against themselves	Only communists propose this kind of legislation to infringe on the 2nd Amendment. They've already got magazine restrictions and red flag laws. This is a continuation of the incremental destruction of our rights and violation of the US Constitution. I oppose this as a tyrannical escalation by anti-gun commies!
Mia Marruffo Against themselves	This bill treats firearm barrels like complete firearms, requiring all sales through FFL dealers and banning private transfers. This adds costly fees (\$20-50 per transfer) and paperwork that only affects hobbyists, hunters, and sport shooters, rather than criminals who ignore laws anyway. Firearm barrels don't fire bullets on their own. There's no evidence this regulation reduces crime. Colorado already has strict background checks for firearms. Extending this to firearm components is overreach that diverts resources from real safety measures like enforcing existing laws against violent criminals. Mandating 5-year record-keeping and new CBI forms creates a backdoor registry for gun parts. This erodes privacy and sets a precedent for tracking all firearm components, inching toward confiscation. This as an infringement on the Second Amendment and should be

	<p>challenged in court if it passes. Scheduling this hearing last-minute limits public input, especially from working gun owners. This tactic suggests they know this bill can't withstand scrutiny. Urge the committee to vote NO and allow more time for debate.</p>
<p>Dominick Thayne Against themselves</p>	<p>Another pointless bill that only restricts lawful gun owners. Just more over reach and tyranny.</p>
<p>Russell Benson Against themselves</p>	<p>Do not pass sb26-043.  These laws are unconstitutional</p>
<p>Matt Worden Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is gun registry which is completely unconstitutional. We do not need permission from the government to bear arms. This is United Nations nonsense and everyone sponsoring this bill should resign.</p>
<p>Justin Waltemeyer Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is a waste of tax payers dollars. It will accomplish nothing in regards to public safety. It is burdensome on an already burdensome industry. Our representatives have better things to be dealing than this. I hope that this committee will see that is not going to help colorado but hurt law abiding citizens. Thank you for time.</p>
<p>Cody Clarius Against themselves</p>	<p>This is unnecessary government overreach, the federal government has seen fit to only regulate the receiver of firearms as many other parts are considered wear parts. Firearm barrels in particular are a primary wear part with some high velocity hunting rounds wearing out barrels in a few thousand rounds, furthermore there are clearly sporting firearms that their main trick is interchangeable barrels such as the Thomson Center Contender which is a single shot rifle that can have its caliber changed with a new barrel for more ethical hunting of different game. Many shotguns the barrel can be changed to go from different types of hunting to home defense.</p>

<p>Marissa Hickmon</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>As a lifelong Colorado resident I am imploring you to VOTE NO on SB26-043 Record Keeping &amp; Regulation of Sale of Firearm Barrel. This bill is not going to reduce crime in our state or make residents safer. This bill simply criminalizes routine maintenance and lawful behavior while targeting gun owners, hunters, hobbyists, builders, small dealers, and FFLs, not criminals.</p>
<p>Jim Price</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I strongly oppose this bill as it serves no purpose. It only creates more bureaucratic hoops and undo paperwork for FFL's, as well as eroding our 2nd Amendment rights as law abiding citizens. In laymans terms it is like having to register 1 spark plug when your car needs 8 to be a running properly engine. A barrel is but a piece of steel with a hole in it and in itself poses no threat to anyone or anything.</p>
<p>Ben Ehrens</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This is so fucking stupid. I'm a lifelong democrat but I cannot abide this overreach.</p>
<p>Kenneth Gideon</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This is in conflict with my Second Amendment rights and I oppose this measure with extreme urgency. Do not take away my rights.</p>
<p>Joy Davidson</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am submitting testimony against SB26-043 - Record Keeping &amp; Reg of Sale of Firearm Barrel, because I have purchased pistols and trained regularly in order to be able to defend myself, if I were to be a victim of criminal behavior in home, car, or anywhere else. In addition, I carry my pistols to help protect my church / attendees in the event of any violence at my church.</p> <p>Requiring people to register every part of their guns is simply the first step to attempting to ban guns while circumventing my constitutional right to own firearms. As a 64-year-old woman, my pistols are my equalizers in the event of size, age, or gender discrepancies that would put me at a disadvantage.</p>

	<p>I want to go on record as saying that I am very sorry that Senator Sullivan lost his son to gun violence in 2012; I can't imagine the grief. However, the criminal who committed that act of violence is the person that harmed your son and caused you that grief. It was not / is not lawful gun owners and even if every single gun control law that can be thought of were passed and every single gun owner disarmed, that would never be enough to assuage the grief. Please stop attempting to disarm me and leave me vulnerable to violence, because that will only increase the harm that was done. It will not mitigate gun violence in any way, shape, or form.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and service in our Colorado State Legislature.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Joy Davidson</p>
<p>Michael Belmont Against themselves</p>	<p>This is over reaching and goes against common sense gun laws. It would limit consumer options and decrease affordability by limiting supply.</p>
<p>Craig Bauer Against themselves</p>	<p>Tom Sullivan and other members here are unlawfully using offices of the state to promote personal agendas. Specifically Tom SULLIVAN quest for revenge for his dead kid. TOM AND OTHER ACTORS ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGING IN TITLE 18 SS 241 CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS in this and other legislation. I LAWFULLY DECLARE HIM AND OTHER STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN SEDITION AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE COLORADO AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THIS BILL AND OTHERS. Anyone signing onto this bill is GUILTY of colluding with active sedition and the records OF YOUR actions are easily found. You are ORDERED LAWFULLY to cease and desist ALL unconstitutional actions or you may find yourselves in front of A</p>

	<p>Jury of some type or worse, be the cause Of America's second - bullets flying- civil war. FOR WHAT, STEALING MONEY FROM TAX PAYERS TO FUND UNLAWFUL ELECTIONS THROUGH FOREIGN INVASION AND TOM SULLIVAN'S REVENGE MISSION? Communist Treason.</p>
<p>Tyler Witzke Against themselves</p>	<p>This is a blatant attempt at creating a firearm registry, which is already prohibited by federal law. Moreover, this puts an unnecessary burden on firearms manufacturers and this will ultimately run any sort of firearms businesses out of Colorado. Citizens are moving away from Colorado in droves because of insane legislation like this bill. I urge you to OPPOSE and VOTE NO on this ridiculous bill.</p>
<p>William Dee Against themselves</p>	<p>I am writing to urge you to vote NO on SB26-043, "Record Keeping &amp; Regulation of Sale of Firearm Barrel." As our state navigates a volatile political climate and significant financial hurdles, this legislation represents a misuse of taxpayer funds and fails to recognize the changing landscape of firearm ownership in Colorado.</p> <p>I oppose this bill based on the following critical points:</p> <p>Increases Total Firearms in Circulation: This bill creates a perverse incentive that will likely increase the number of complete firearms in Colorado. Currently, owners often maintain one serialized "lower receiver" (the legal firearm) and purchase unregulated barrels or "upper receivers" to switch calibers. By mandating in Section 18-12-118(2)(a) that a simple steel tube be transferred via an FFL with the same fees and background checks as a complete weapon, the state removes the incentive to repair or modify existing tools. Consumers will instead choose to purchase brand-new, complete rifles. This bill inadvertently encourages the accumulation of more firearms, not fewer.</p> <p>Fiscal Irresponsibility During a Deficit: Colorado faces a projected \$850 million budget shortfall for the 2026-27 fiscal year. The state cannot afford the administrative costs of Section 18-12-118(6),</p>



	<p>which requires the CBI to divert limited resources toward creating forms and oversight for non-serialized metal tubes. We must prioritize public safety funds for investigating violent crime rather than tracking hobbyist accessories.</p> <p>Harm to Marginalized Communities and New Owners: The landscape of gun ownership has shifted. Recent trends show a surge in purchases among liberals, people of color, and LGBTQ Coloradans seeking self-defense amid concerns over political instability and potential overreach by federal agents. SB26-043 creates bureaucratic "gatekeeping" that disproportionately impacts these groups, making it harder for those on a budget to maintain tools for protection against civil unrest or federal violence.</p> <p>Criminalizing Law-Abiding Hobbyists: Under Section 18-12-118(1)(a), a "firearm barrel" is treated with the same severity as a functional weapon. This bans direct shipment to consumers, forcing citizens to pay private dealers transfer fees just to maintain their property. Furthermore, the "unclassified misdemeanor" for possession with "intent to sell" puts hobbyists at risk of criminal liability for simply trading parts.</p>
<p>Cassie Melvin Against themselves</p>	<p>As a law-abiding gun owner with a deep commitment to the values of personal freedom and responsibility, I feel a strong obligation to voice my opposition to Colorado's SB26-043. This bill proposes stringent record-keeping and regulatory requirements specifically concerning the sale of firearm barrels. While the overarching goal of this legislation may be to enhance public safety, the reality is that it fundamentally infringes upon our Second Amendment rights while creating unnecessary burdens for small gun shops and manufacturers in our community.</p> <p>It's important to recognize that the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution explicitly guarantees citizens the right to keep and bear arms. This right is not limited to complete</p>

	<p>firearms; it extends to essential components, including barrels. SB26-043's imposition of additional regulations on firearm barrels essentially undermines these constitutional protections. It sends a message to law-abiding citizens: that our rights can be curtailed under the guise of safety, despite our consistent commitment to responsible ownership.</p> <p>This bill places a significant burden on small gun shops and parts manufacturers. These businesses often operate on thin margins and have limited resources, making compliance with extensive regulatory requirements particularly challenging. For many of these small shops, the burden of compliance could even lead to closures.</p> <p>The majority of gun owners are responsible, law-abiding citizens. Additional regulations proposed primarily target those who are already compliant, rather than addressing the root causes of gun violence. Criminals, by their very nature, do not adhere to laws; they will always find ways to circumvent them. Rather than focusing on enhancing responsible ownership, this bill shifts the burden onto lawful citizens who are exercising their constitutional rights.</p> <p>It is vital that any legislation considered in Colorado promotes an environment supportive of small businesses and upholds the rights of law-abiding citizens. Rather than enforcing unnecessary restrictions, policymakers should focus on fostering an atmosphere that encourages and protects responsible gun ownership.</p> <p>In conclusion, I strongly urge Colorado lawmakers to reject SB26-043. Let us not infringe upon our constitutional rights or impose excessive excessive regulations on small businesses. Instead, let's come together to find solutions that promote public safety while upholding our rights.</p>
<p>Will Childers</p>	<p>Chair and Members of the Committee:</p>

<p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am writing to oppose SB26-043. This bill would criminalize routine, lawful activities involving firearm barrels that have long been part of ownership, maintenance, and lawful commerce. It does not focus on criminals or criminal behavior. Instead it subjects lawful gun owners, hunters, hobbyists, gunsmiths, home builders, small dealers, and FFL holders to new criminal penalties and burdensome record keeping for purely lawful behavior.</p> <p>Firearm barrels are not firearms and are routinely repaired, traded, and maintained by lawful owners and small businesses. Requiring all sales and transfers to occur only through a federally licensed dealer and imposing criminal penalties for private transfers is unnecessary and overly broad. It forces ordinary, law-abiding citizens into a regulatory system designed for complete firearms, and it creates new crimes for conduct that has never been shown to cause harm.</p> <p>This bill will create a paper trail for property that poses no public safety risk and will divert law enforcement resources toward enforcement of paperwork violations instead of actual violent crime. It will harm small businesses and hobbyists who operate responsibly and have never been the source of criminal misuse. The bill’s burdens outweigh any speculative benefit.</p> <p>I urge you to oppose SB26-043.</p>
<p>Justin Eberle Against themselves</p>	<p>I strongly oppose SB26-043, which would criminalize private sales and transfers of firearm barrels and force all such transactions through federally licensed dealers with mandatory record-keeping. This legislation represents yet another unnecessary infringement on law-abiding Coloradans’ Second Amendment rights. Firearm barrels are common, non-regulated components used for legitimate purposes like repairs, custom builds, and sporting activities—treating them like complete firearms does nothing to reduce crime but creates new misdemeanors for everyday gun owners engaging in harmless private exchanges.</p>

	<p>This bill adds burdensome red tape, expands government tracking of firearm parts, and wastes resources that could address actual violent crime. I urge the committee and all legislators to reject this misguided measure and protect our constitutional freedoms instead.</p>
<p>Jonathan Kinzel  Against  themselves</p>	<p>Opposed!</p>
<p>Matthew Thiebaut  Against  themselves</p>	<p>I'm writing as a law-abiding Colorado constituent to respectfully request a NO vote on SB26-043.</p> <p>My concerns are practical and public-safety focused:</p> <p>Lawful maintenance burden: SB26-043 requires that firearm barrels be sold or transferred in person by an FFL, turning routine repairs and upgrades into a more costly and time-consuming process—especially for rural Coloradans.</p> <p>Privacy and data security: The bill requires firearms dealers to keep records of barrel sales for at least five years, collecting identifying information on a non-serialized component. More sensitive records in more places increases risk of misuse or breach.</p> <p>Over-breadth and ambiguity: The definition of "firearm barrel" is broad enough to include items that may "readily be completed" or are marketed to become a barrel. This kind of subjective line-drawing invites confusion for hobbyists, small businesses, and responsible owners.</p> <p>New crimes, minimal expected impact: The fiscal note projects minimal state revenue and minimal state workload, with no appropriation required, and it assumes a minimal number of violations. If the expected enforcement and fiscal impacts are minimal, it raises a fair question about whether this new compliance and record keeping regime is justified for law-abiding Coloradans.</p>

	<p>Criminalizes "intent": Creating a misdemeanor based on "intent to sell/offer" risks catching ordinary behavior (unused parts, estate cleanouts, hobbyist sales).</p> <p>I appreciate the Committee's work and your service to Colorado. Please oppose SB26-043.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>
<p>Krystl Donaldson Against themselves</p>	<p>Protect our second amendment. Too much government involved is communism. Colorado is now the 6th most regulated state and you will lose good people that do a lot for the community if things like this continue.</p>
<p>Robert Hill-Moore Against themselves</p>	<p>My name is Robert Kyler Hill-Moore, and I submit this testimony as a law-abiding citizen who believes deeply in constitutional rights and personal responsibility.</p> <p>I oppose any registry requirement for firearm barrels or similar components because it is unconstitutional in principle, ineffective in practice, and harmful to responsible Americans.</p> <p>The Second Amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms. That right includes the ability to acquire, maintain, repair, and lawfully build firearms. A registry targeting components shifts government focus away from criminal misuse and toward tracking citizens who are exercising a constitutional right. No other constitutional freedom requires citizens to place themselves on a government list simply for owning lawful equipment.</p> <p>Registries do not stop crime. Criminals do not follow registration laws, do not obtain parts through lawful channels, and do not submit paperwork. These requirements instead burden hunters, hobbyists, competitive shooters, and ordinary people seeking to maintain reliable tools for self-defense. The result is more regulation on the compliant, while those with criminal intent remain unaffected.</p> <p>Such policies also create a chilling effect. Added costs, legal complexity, and fear of accidental violations discourage lawful maintenance and repair. That does not increase safety – it risks</p>

	<p>leaving responsible citizens with fewer reliable means to protect themselves and their families.</p> <p>There are also serious privacy concerns. A centralized list of who owns firearm components creates data-security risks, potential misuse, and the possibility of theft if information is exposed. Citizens should not have to trade privacy for constitutional rights.</p> <p>Public safety efforts should focus on violent offenders, illegal trafficking, and repeat criminal behavior “ not the lawful ownership of parts by peaceful people.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully urge rejection of any firearm component registry and support policies that address criminal misuse rather than burdening law-abiding citizens.</p> <p>Robert Kyler Hill-Moore</p>
<p>Alfredo Zapata Against themselves</p>	<p>Hi, my name is Alfredo Zapata. I am proud to be born here in the USA because of our philosophy of the right to govern as a citizen. And I had wondered through out the years why laws are being passed that harm our fellow law abiding Americans. I moved out of the city and it opened my eyes and I am here to do my diligence to protect our constitution, that has felt more of a margin than a right to low income individuals.</p>
<p>Dylan Donaldson Against themselves</p>	<p>This is an illegal registry that attacks Colorado citizens rights to the 2nd Amendment. Stop taking our constitutional rights away. State law does not superceded federal law.</p>
<p>Ian Moore Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is unconstitutional and should not be allowed to pass as an individual who enjoys his second amendment I am strongly opposed to this bill as our founding Fathers had the foresight to see that things like this were going to happen and every day we see that our rights are slowly being stripped away moving closer and closer to a communist leadership and until the government can guarantee that we will not have any government corruption or oversight or tyranny then we will never give up our second amendment rights. We all know what happens in a place where</p>

	<p>they strip and control gun rights crime raises out of control because the criminals don't follow the law.</p>
<p>Joseph PELL IV Against themselves</p>	<p>SB26-043 is a stupid bill. Do not pass this. A barrel is a repair part for a firearm, not a functioning firearm. Colorado loves to add dumb laws to the books that just make life harder. This is one of those laws. As an automotive mechanic, the best example I can give would be that this would be similar to requiring people to go to a dealer to have their tires changed or a repair that could totally be done at an independent shop.</p> <p>DO NOT PASS THIS IDIOTIC BILL.</p>
<p>Joseph Pero Against themselves</p>	<p>Please vote NO on SB26-043. This onerous bill creates an entirely new crime around firearm barrels, not guns, not receivers, but ordinary parts. It defines a "barrel" so broadly that it includes unfinished metal blanks, castings, and machined bodies, turning common hobby materials into regulated contraband.</p> <p>The bill effectively bans private sales and transfers of replacement and spare barrels unless routed through an FFL, in person, with mandatory state recordkeeping. That means hunters, hobbyists, gunsmith customers, and even estate cleanouts are swept into a surveillance regime with no demonstrated public-safety benefit.</p> <p>Worse, it forces dealers to collect and retain years of sensitive personal data on a CBI form that doesn't even exist yet, backed by license revocation if they get it wrong.</p> <p>It also creates a pre-crime offense: mere possession of a barrel with intent to sell becomes a misdemeanor, even without a completed transaction.</p>

	<p>There is no background-check mechanism, no enforcement clarity, and no evidence this will stop crime. This bill criminalizes lawful conduct, expands state tracking, and punishes compliance, not criminals.</p> <p>It is beyond exhausting to watch this legislature relentlessly attack the Second Amendment year after year as a substitute for doing the hard work of actually keeping the public safe.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to vote NO on SB26-043.</p>
<p>Evie Hudak For Colorado PTA</p>	<p>Colorado PTA supports SB26-043. PTA supports sensible gun safety and violence prevention policies that will help keep children safe. We have a long history of advocacy for the safety of children and youth, and one of our highest priorities is to protect them from gun violence. Firearms are the leading cause of death for American children and youth. Approximately 3 million American children witness gun violence every year. Beyond the deadly effects of gun violence, this exposure impacts our children’s mental and physical health throughout adulthood.</p> <p>PTA believes that our state's leaders must acknowledge and address the ease of access to firearms. In 2025, Colorado PTA supported legislation for requirements on the sale of firearms ammunition. In 2024, PTA supported a bill to require firearms dealers to obtain a permit. In addition, PTA has supported legislation to ensure that there are universal background checks.</p> <p>SB 043 is a logical extension of those pieces of legislation because it would restrict gun barrel sales to adults who can pass a background check.</p>
<p>Kristopher Malnar Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill has nothing to do with making anything safer. It is just another means for the State to gain more control and collect more revenue off of its people. We need better leaders who represent the people, who uphold what our Constitution sets</p>



	forth and stop the bread crumb mentality on how to benefit off of their constituents 2nd Amendment Right.
jerry blake Against themselves	There is no history or tradition in the United States of a law similar to this absurd proposal. It imposes a pointless burden on law-abiding Coloradoans, does nothing for public safety, is plainly unconstitutional, does not satisfy the Bruen test as required by the Supreme Court, and will lead to the taxpayers of Colorado having to pay costly legal fees to try and defend it against the Department of Justice. Sullivan is aware of this, which is why he scheduled this hearing late at night hoping it would be missed. Hopefully other committee members have better sense.  Please vote NO!
Christopher Weskamp Against themselves	Barrels are a wearable item and has no distinction on a type of firearm whether it's full auto, semi auto or single shot. Barrels also do not distinguish ammo capacity or rate of fire. Regulating this item will not solve any issues pertaining to safety and will only cause more unnecessary strain.
Daniel Nelson Against themselves	Unconstitutional on the state and federal level.
Mike Poirier Against themselves	I am against this bill as:  There is no compelling need.  It presents an undue burden for citizens and point of sale merchants  It redefines Firearm. Federal law states the firing mechanism is the regulated part of the device; therefore accessories, such as barrels should not be regulated as firearms.
Roger Cook Against themselves	A barrel is not a firearm. Stop making up ridiculous rules that don't make any sense. There's no reason for this bill except to make the people who wrote it feel like they did something in their life. Completely meaningless bill!

<p>Don Reh Against themselves</p>	<p>I oppose this bill.</p>
<p>Kimberly Eckhout Against themselves</p>	<p>Dismantling the 2nd amendment by dribs and drabs is still denying rights granted by the Constitution. See Miranda v Arizona, 384 US 436 (1966)  "Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rulemaking or legislation which would abrogate them".</p>
<p>Robert RJFLC Against themselves</p>	<p>I am against this Bill it infringes on my personal rights, my constitutional rights and tramples our constitution</p>
<p>Michael McPeake Against themselves</p>	<p>It seems our "representatives" don't understand that the core of gun related violence is not the mechanism that causes harm; it is the individual that needs to be addressed. Our "representatives" have NEVER looked at the core of the problem - they only create more laws that make people like me look like criminals. Shame on them. Today a news article referenced "an individual with brown hair and in a dress" shot and killed nine kids - in CANADA!! Theoretically, if we make more laws than those of CANADA - it could still happen here. Why? We all know the answer to that - but our "representatives" will never look in that mirror - will they? Guess I'll move to a state that respects right and wrong. What other options do I have when my "representatives" won't see truth? I will never give up my right to protect myself, my family, and those around me. All Colorado is doing is going further in the wrong direction- and they won't "get it" until it impacts them directly. The odds of that keep increasing every day when they pretend to care about an issue such as this one instead of truly taking a look into the "why" of gun violence. Good luck with that- over the past decade they have proven all they care about is virtue signaling. I'll never waste my time driving six hours (and a whole day) to tell them in person how wrong they are again.</p>

<p>Charles Forry</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>The second Ammendment shall not be enfringed. This does that. It none of your business what we do with our guns.</p>
<p>Scott Nusbaum</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Creating a problem in your mind, and trying to solve it by wasting people's time and money, serves no purpose other than to make yourself feel better. All you can possibly accomplish with this, is creating another paperwork nightmare for law abiding citizens. Oh, and driving even more businesses to surrounding states.</p>
<p>Jose Santistevan</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Please vote no. This does nothing for public safety. As a hunter and marksman , I own several barrels and intend on purchasing more. This absolutely seems like another way to inconvenience and price legal gun owners out of purchasing firearms and their parts. When do law abiding citizens get a break? I'm not asking for anything more, I'm asking please don't tax me and make it more difficult. How many legally purchased barrels are used in crimes? How will this bill effect public safety? I am open to a discussion. I know this bill will effect marksmen and hunters. Members of my family make a living hunting and guiding in this beautiful state. I know how this bill we effect us. I just do not know how this bill will affect criminals who do not mind breaking laws. Please vote no</p>
<p>Weston Thompson</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Totally an infringement of the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution, criminalizing the possession of a barrel with intent to sell or transfer.</p>
<p>Brian Scott</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>I favor restrictions on selling or exchanging barrels of firearms.</p>
<p>ELIZABETH Wethington</p> <p>For</p>	<p>I am in support of this bill. We need to do all we can to have a clear record keeping system of private gun sales.</p>

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Larwrence Nutter Against themselves	<p>SB26-043 - Record Keeping &amp; Reg of Sale of Firearm Barrel. This proposed legislation will not have any forensic value and only serves to add bureaucracy and cost to purchasing a gun barrel. Gun barrel blanks are not serial numbered and there is no ability to trace a barrel blank. Keeping a record of sale for 5 years does absolutely nothing but to give the Colorado Bureau of Investigation more bureaucracy to deal with instead of solving crimes.</p> <p>I recently purchased a .264 barrel blank with an 8 inch twist from Krieger to make a 1,000 yard competition rifle. I bought the barrel directly from Krieger and it was delivered to me. Now a gunsmith will have to turn down the breech end of the barrel to the proper diameter and thread the barrel blank to fit the receiver of the rifle. The barrel blank is being fitted to a rifle made in 1898 (Model 98 Mauser bolt action rifle). The barrel is a blank and is not chambered for any specific caliber. A gunsmith will be chambering my rifle for one of more than a dozen possible 6.5/.264 cartridges. The information regarding the specific chambering will not be known if the legislation passes; this further makes the forensic value of knowing what gun barrel I purchase absolutely worthless. If the legislation passes, I will have to pay an FFL licensee to receive the barrel blank and then to log the purchase and keep the records for five years. People who have custom rifle barrels made do not use the rifles to commit crimes; that is the realm of cocaine gangs. Making legislation to control gang members might have some positive effect whereas only allowing barrel blanks to be shipped to an FFL dealer will not. Beyond all else, this appears to be a waste of state money because it will be appealed to the courts until it is removed as a violation of the Second Amendment.</p>
Sean Langlais Against themselves	<p>I am opposed to SB26-043, Record Keeping &amp; Registration of Sale of Firearm Barrels. It clear this bill is not meant to address safety, but rather place onerous and unnecessary burdens on Colorado's law-abiding citizens. A barrel cannot fire a projectile on its own. I have yet to see any statistics anywhere that indicate barrel "transfers" negatively impact crime or somehow decrease safety.</p>

	<p>Murder is already illegal. I'm not sure why we need extra laws. This is a clear violation of the second amendment and will place a financial burden on citizens and gun stores, likely causing many to go out of business.</p>
<p>Juan Bartolo  Against  themselves</p>	<p>My name is Juan Bartolo. I'm an Army veteran, and I'm concerned about Senate Bill 26-043.</p> <p>When I joined the Army, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. That oath didn't expire when I took off the uniform. I still take it seriously today. That includes the Second Amendment.</p> <p>I want to be clear - I believe in responsibility. I believe in training. I believe in safe handling and accountability. Those things were drilled into us in the military. But I also believe there has to be a line between public safety and over-regulating people who are already following the law.</p> <p>From my understanding, this bill would require most firearm barrels to be bought or transferred through licensed dealers, create new crimes for private sales, and require dealers to keep records on these purchases for years. And to me, that feels like we're moving into regulating individual parts the same way we regulate complete firearms.</p> <p>A barrel by itself is not a working firearm. It's a component. And I worry that once we start heavily regulating individual parts, where does it stop? For a lot of people, this feels like a step toward slowly chipping away at Second Amendment rights, piece by piece.</p> <p>Another thing that concerns me is creating new criminal penalties around technical transfer rules. I don't think most Coloradans who own firearms are criminals. Most are regular people - veterans, parents, workers - who want to protect their families and follow the law. I worry that laws like this can accidentally turn otherwise good people into criminals over paperwork or technical mistakes, instead of focusing on people actually committing violent crimes.</p> <p>In the military, we focused on discipline, training, and responsibility. We didn't treat parts like they were the problem.</p>

	<p>We focused on behavior, intent, and accountability. I think that’s where our laws should focus too, on violent offenders and illegal trafficking, not on adding more restrictions on people who are already trying to do the right thing.</p> <p>I know everyone here wants safer communities. I do too. I just don’t believe this bill gets us there, and I do believe it raises real constitutional concerns for a lot of Americans, including veterans like me.</p> <p>So respectfully, I’m asking you to vote no on SB26-043.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, and thank you for the work you do for Colorado.</p>
<p>Connor Steele</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Chair and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to SB26-043.</p> <p>I am concerned that this bill regulates a single firearm component “the barrel” in a way that creates unnecessary burdens on lawful Coloradans without clear evidence that it will improve public safety.</p> <p>Firearm barrels are routine replacement parts. They wear down over time, particularly for competitive shooters, hunters, and individuals who train regularly. Replacing a barrel is a standard maintenance activity, similar to replacing brakes on a vehicle. Treating this part as though it requires dealer-intermediated transfers and long-term record retention expands regulation into ordinary ownership and maintenance practices.</p> <p>SB26-043 would also eliminate private sales of this non-serialized component and require all transfers to go through federally licensed dealers. In many rural areas of Colorado, access to FFLs can be limited. This requirement may mean longer travel distances, additional fees, and delays for lawful individuals</p>

	<p>simply attempting to maintain equipment they already legally own.</p> <p>Additionally, this bill creates misdemeanor penalties for violations involving a part that, by itself, is not a functional weapon. The risk of criminalizing routine transactions between otherwise law-abiding adults is concerning. Legislation should be carefully tailored to address demonstrable criminal conduct, not expand regulatory oversight over isolated components. Colorado already has background check requirements for firearm purchases. If the concern is illegal firearm possession, enforcement efforts should focus on individuals prohibited from owning firearms rather than expanding regulatory reach to component parts used primarily by lawful owners.</p> <p>Public safety is important. However, policy should be evidence-based, narrowly focused, and balanced against the practical realities faced by responsible citizens.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB26-043.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
<p>John Hall Against themselves</p>	<p>This proposed legislation will not prevent crime, it only serves to increase the cost and complexity for both firearms sellers and purchasers. In addition, it would create an unlawful, de facto registry according to the 1986 Firearm Owners Protection Act. Spending our tax dollars on creating unlawful, and unconstitutional laws like is just wasteful. It would also result in tax dollars spent on litigation in the future as well. Do not support/enact this bill, if you do, I will not vote for you.</p>
<p>James McCurdy Against themselves</p>	<p>I ask you to Vote AGAINST this bill! this does not help any citizen of the great Centennial state of Colorado. This proposal restricts the right of non criminal individuals, while burdening the government to add extra systems and record keeping to track non</p>

	<p>firearm parts. this is a slippery slope. The most urban area of Colorado have experienced a decrease in violent crime over the last decades.</p> <p>A Vote against this bill is the only prudent way to secure the freedoms of future Coloradans.</p> <p>I live in the rural area of Park County. the trip into 'town' is sometimes simple not an option. the extra burden of fees and extra background check makes this not a legal justification rather another obstacle to the right of the individual to pursue their own happiness.</p> <p>I urge you to vote Against!</p>
<p>Amy McClanahan</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Senate Bill 26-043 in my opinion is completely unnecessary and redundant. Our laws for gun ownership are already quite strict. This bill is to</p> <p>Restrict the sale of gun barrels and to keep a register of who is purchasing them. Those who propose this bill believe that this will help to keep ghost guns off our streets. This simply isn't the case and as long as there is little to no enforcement or punishment for the laws we already have there will continue to be ghost guns. Next it will be another component of a rifle or gun until those of us who believe in and exercise our 2nd amendment rights will have to purchase every component separately. This bill has no common sense.</p>
<p>Przemek Mancewicz</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am Przemek Mancewicz, a resident of Delta County, Colorado and a lawful firearm owner. I strongly oppose SB26-043, which mandates that firearm barrels be sold or transferred only in person through a federally licensed dealer, requires extensive record-keeping for at least five years, and criminalizes private possession or transfer with intent to sell. Firearm barrels are non-serialized parts routinely replaced for legitimate purposes like maintenance, upgrades, caliber changes for hunting or sport shooting, or repairs. This bill imposes burdensome costs, reduces privacy, and creates what amounts to a partial registry of owners and equipment”without evidence that private barrel transfers</p>



	<p>contribute to crime in Colorado. It burdens law-abiding citizens while failing to address real threats. Please vote against SB26-043.</p>
<p>Michael Hiyama Against himself</p>	<p>Chair and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to SB26-043.</p> <p>While I understand the goal of improving public safety, this bill raises concerns regarding overregulation, enforceability, and unintended consequences for lawful gun owners and small businesses in Colorado.</p> <p>First, SB26-043 regulates a single firearm component “the barrel” as though it were a serialized firearm. Under federal law, the regulated component is the frame or receiver, not the barrel. Barrels are unregulated because they are not independently functional weapons. Expanding regulation to individual components sets a concerning precedent that could extend to other internal parts, creating a patchwork framework without clear evidence of crime reduction.</p> <p>Second, the bill requires all transfers to occur through federally licensed dealers and mandates record keeping for at least five years. This effectively eliminates private sales of a non-serialized part and increases compliance burdens for small FFLs. In rural communities with limited dealer access, this may raise costs and reduce access for hobbyists, competitive shooters, collectors, and gunsmiths performing routine maintenance.</p> <p>Third, there is limited public data showing that firearm barrels alone are a meaningful driver of crime. Criminal misuse typically involves fully assembled weapons, not isolated components. Before expanding regulation, the legislature should require clear empirical evidence that the policy addresses a demonstrated problem.</p>

	<p>Fourth, this bill may unintentionally criminalize lawful behavior. Individuals selling spare parts, inheriting collections, or engaging in hobby gunsmithing could face misdemeanor penalties for routine activity, eroding respect for the legal system.</p> <p>Finally, Colorado already requires background checks for firearm sales. Adding component-level regulation does not meaningfully strengthen those protections and increases administrative complexity.</p> <p>Public safety and constitutional rights are not mutually exclusive. Legislation should be narrowly tailored, evidence-based, and focused on criminal misuse rather than lawful ownership.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB26-043.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration,</p> <p>Michael Hiyama</p>
<p>Ronald Keskeny Jr. Against themselves</p>	<p>Dear Sirs. This bill would be a complete detriment to gun collectors who want to keep their firearms pristine shape!!! I can not understand why you are putting g this bill forward???!!! We legal gun owners are already overburdened by all the other regulations imposed in this one gun friendly state!!!</p> <p>Sincerely: A VERY CONCERNED citizen!!!</p>
<p>Frank Freeman Against themselves</p>	<p>This is another in a string of attempts to disarm the American citizen, the same way Adolph Hitler did prior to seizing total control of Germany. Your socialist, anti-freedom, anti-second amendment acts have gone to far! This is the type of thing which can cause sensible citizens to call for succession from the Union.</p>

	<p>Clinton had this country on the brink and at this point I would vote strongly in favor of it. The mere possession of a firearm, without firing, has saved my life on one occasion. Criminals do not obey the law! All you are doing is disarming honest citizens. You should all be voted out of office and given a one-way ticket to North Korea where you belong.</p>
<p>Kent Brumback Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is another example of a second amendment attack and a typical gun hater attitude that is being proposed by someone that really does not know what they are doing.</p> <p>It does nothing to really insure safety and only imposes hardship on law abiding firearms owners. Instead of concentrating on what actually causes problems such as continuing mental health problems, promotion of immoral attitudes acquired from desensitizing games and television.</p> <p>Please consider a no vote for this Bill.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>Brett Neilsen Against themselves</p>	<p>To the Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Brett Neilsen. I am a small business owner, husband, father, and Colorado resident. I am writing in opposition to SB26-043.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to vote NO on this bill.</p> <p>While I fully support responsible firearm ownership and reasonable measures that address criminal misuse of firearms, SB26-043 does not meaningfully target criminal behavior. Instead, it places additional burdens on lawful citizens and small businesses while doing little to deter those who already ignore existing laws.</p> <p>A firearm barrel is a component part “ not a serialized firearm, not a controlled receiver, and not something that can function independently. Criminals who intend to commit violent acts do</p>

	<p>not obtain parts through lawful retail channels subject to record keeping. They bypass legal systems entirely. Expanding regulatory tracking on parts such as barrels increases bureaucracy without addressing the root causes of crime.</p> <p>This bill would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>â€¢ Create unlawful additional compliance costs for small retailers</li><li>â€¢ Expand unconstitutional government record-keeping requirements on law-abiding citizens</li><li>â€¢ Set precedent for regulating non-serialized components</li><li>â€¢ Potentially stopping lawful repair, replacement, and customization</li></ul> <p>As a citizen and business owner, I am concerned about continued incremental expansion of regulation on lawful commerce. Each added layer increases cost, risk, and administrative burden â€” costs that ultimately fall on working families.</p> <p>Public safety is a serious issue. However, policy should focus on violent offenders, illegal trafficking networks, and mental health intervention â€” not additional paperwork for citizens who already follow the law.</p> <p>Colorado residents deserve legislation that is targeted, effective, and constitutionally sound. SB26-043 does not meet that standard. This is a constitutional violation of our second amendment rights.</p> <p>I respectfully ask you to oppose this bill.</p>
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	<p>Thank you for your time and service.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Brett Neilsen</p> <p>Colorado Resident</p>
<p>Kevin Kassner</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Letter Opposing SB26-043</p> <p>Please vote NO on SB26-043. While I truly feel for Representative Sullivan and the unimaginable loss of his son, the act of killing was committed by an individual who was already able to obtain a firearm through legal means. The problem was the person—someone exhibiting extreme mental instability—not the tool. Mental health must be at the forefront of these discussions, because no law restricting responsible gun owners would have stopped that tragedy.</p> <p>The individual who murdered Representative Sullivan’s son represents pure evil. A person with that level of intent would have found another method to carry out harm regardless of the weapon involved. History shows this clearly: the 9/11 terrorists used commercial airplanes, and the Oklahoma City bomber used fertilizer and a truck. Evil finds a way. Punishing law-abiding citizens does nothing to stop those who are determined to commit violence.</p> <p>SB26-043 and similar proposals create new burdens that fall disproportionately on responsible, lower-income citizens. Additional fees for background checks, ammunition, and mandatory training effectively price out many people who simply want to protect their families. These are often the very communities that rely most on their constitutional rights for personal safety. Creating financial barriers to a constitutional right is unfair and, in practice, discriminatory.</p> <p>If lawmakers believe additional restrictions are necessary, then I ask that the same standards be applied to the firearms carried by those who work in our own government buildings. If everyday citizens are expected to navigate these new limitations, then elected officials should experience the same conditions.</p>

	<p>Murder is already illegal“regardless of the tool used. Instead of passing laws that only impact those who follow the rules, we should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing the mental health crises that drive these horrific acts.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB26‘043 and reconsider other proposals that target lawful gun owners rather than the individuals who commit violent crimes.</p>
<p>Steven Szczepanski Against themselves</p>	<p>This is a clear infringement on our second amendment rights. This bill does nothing except for hurt the law abiding citizens of Colorado</p>
<p>Stan Gelb For themselves</p>	<p>SB26-043 has the potential to save many lives while not interfering with anyone's constitutional rights.</p> <p>Please vote YES on SB26-043</p>
<p>Ed Gunsch Against themselves</p>	<p>I‘m not sure where to begin on SB26-43. I guess for starters in case any one on the committee didn‘t know, a firearm barrel is not serialized. Anything you would attach a true firearm barrel to already had to go through a CBI background check. This is completely redundant, and is just adding more paperwork. The bill states on page 3, line 24, ‘‘They are not prohibited from possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm under state or federal law‘‘. While not directly stating it, this implies a background check. This adds \$15, to the price of the barrel. Since the FFL now has to receive the barrel, and log it, and file all the paperwork for purchase I‘m assuming that another \$35 will be added for that process.</p> <p>If I‘m trying to maintain an existing firearm for safety and need to replace the barrel I must do this process. For a Glock pistol barrel, the barrel cost is anywhere from about \$120 to about \$250 depending on the quality. I‘m leaving off the cheap barrels for safety reasons. Let‘’s just use the low end. Let‘’s add the</p>

	<p>Lakewood tax of 7.2%, \$8.64, and the 6.5% excise tax, \$7.80. Total is now \$186.44. This is a 55% increase in cost to the consumer.</p> <p>I'm guessing this is what you want. Make it increasingly expensive for anyone to defend themselves. The bill states this is in the name of safety, to me it makes us less safe. It means that people are less likely to maintain their firearms correctly because of the increased cost. Making more firearms potentially unsafe.</p> <p>And let me add that Secretary of State, Jena Griswold was irate because of a potential requirement to hold an Identification card to vote because of the cost and the burden to people to get one. I looked it up, a state ID card costs \$13 and is valid for at least 5 years, less than the background check fee alone.</p> <p>How is it acceptable to force someone to pay these insane costs to exercise one right, but feel it's unfair to force a minimal fee once every few years to exercise another.</p> <p>I would also like to point out that as the bill is currently written you have classified any straight inflexible piece of pipe as a firearm barrel. Since a barrel can be made of anything and be smooth bore, and any pipe converted to be used as a barrel. How can a law be this vague and still a valid law.</p> <p>VOTE NO.</p>
<p>David Darras Against himself</p>	<p>Your attacks on the second amendment only punish law abiding citizens, and treat it as a second class right. Let's try enforcing existing laws. Criminals will be criminals and need to be accountable. Don't punish law abiding citizens for the crimes of others.</p>

<p>Chris Spera</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This is going to make me go to a ffl to buy a barrel for my 1886 winchester or to sell a shotgun barrel.</p> <p>This is nothing more than a registry and to make it as difficult as possible to do anything gun related in this once great state of Colorado. Tom Sullivan you should be impeached for your blatant disregard for the US and CO constitutions as well as everyone of you that vote for this. Enough is Enough !!</p>
<p>David Rowe</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is foolish. It does nothing to reduce crime or gun violence. It wastes limited LE resources setting up a system to track an item that is not serialized. It is a severe inconvenience on shotgun hunters who regularly switch barrels. I've been a competitive rifle shooter for 40 years, using the same rifle. Over that time I've worn out and replaced several barrels. This bill will just add new burdens and cost with no public safety benefit.</p>
<p>Reedy Lash</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>A barrel has nothing to do with rate of fire, only the bullet goes down the barrel. Shotguns most commonly have different barrels available for use. Longer one for hunting or sporting clay type of events, shorter ones for hunting or self defense. This proposed legislation is nothing more than showing the Democrat majority in CO will do everything possible to infringe on the 2A rights of the citizens. There are issues in CO that need to be addressed.</p>
<p>Garrett Boyce</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I want to voice my opposition to this bill - but not for the typical reason one might expect from a firearm owner.</p> <p>I have seen numerous bills passed that institute "speed bumps" on the path to gun ownership. On the face of it, it seems like a decent idea. Any bill proposing an outright ban or a registry for gun owners would be dead on arrival, so legislators come up with these "single item" bills that that are much easier to pass. They apply a band aid, pat themselves on the back at a job well done, having instituted another speed bump, and call it a day.</p> <p>Meanwhile, people are struggling with low wages in the face of inflation, struggling to afford healthcare, and struggling to afford the type of life they were promised by the previous generation. No wonder we read about a new shooting every week.</p>



	<p>What I want to see is legislators acknowledge the true issue behind gun violence: increasing hardship on your average Coloradan in terms of finances and healthcare, no doubt leading to increasing political polarity and hostility between neighbors, classmates, and family. I want to see my legislators actually fight to cultivate an environment that helps support people instead of drag them down at every turn. Meanwhile, we have federal officials invading our towns and cities, arresting and kidnapping citizens and non-citizens alike, and even resorting to shooting those who would protest or "impede" their actions. More people than ever now see a firearm as a means of protecting themselves when the government refuses to.</p> <p>Again, respectfully, I believe this bill has good intentions in reducing gun violence. However, it is nothing more than a band aid on the wound that is affecting all Americans. A wound that will require a vision beyond simple measures such as this bill.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>Andrew Schumacher Against themselves</p>	<p>I am a law abiding citizen of this beautiful state. I firmly stand against this bill due to the increased burden and taxation on my constitutional rights. I take the responsibility to keep and bear arms seriously and this bill would mean I would have to go thru background checks, pay fees, wait time for a firearm I have already gone thru the process of.</p> <p>I understand the issue of wanting to prevent 3d printed firearms, but instead of penalizing law abiding citizens and putting the burden upon them, can we agree on enhanced penalties for criminals who commit aggravated crimes with an unlicensed firearm? Armed robbery with a 3d printed or stolen firearm mandatory 5 year jail sentence? Please stop placing more and more weight on the shoulders of your fellow citizens who do obey the law.</p> <p>Regards</p>

	Andrew Schumacher
<p>Donna LaBelle</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Chair Wallace and committee members, my name is Donna LaBelle and I represent myself and everyone who is thankful for the foresight of our founding fathers and the gift that is the 2nd amendment. Once again we respond as we have many times before to this new proposal to restrict it by saying criminals don't follow laws but these laws make criminals out of good Coloradans by unnecessarily increasing paperwork, time and money requirements to unrealistic levels when there is no evidence that unregulated barrel transfers are even a major source of crime in Colorado. This is government overreach, again and it criminalizes the simple intent to sell. It is yet another calculated and incremental move forward to systematically take away all gun rights and ownership and like every other one of those bills, it is unconstitutional and will not stand. Burdening FFL's with completely unjustified recordkeeping requirements which border on privacy and data security risk does not make anyone safer. Guns in the right hands make us all safer. This bill does nothing to stop criminals but punishes law-abiding citizens. It amasses a vast trove of data for what purpose? And bans private sales of parts that are not inherently dangerous. We the people of Colorado oppose SB26-043. Thank you</p>
<p>Wesley Martin</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>It is beyond obvious that this bill is a gross infringement on the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution. Replacing a "non-serialized" part on a lawfully owned firearm should not need a background check from an FFL. This bill adds to the "harassment programs" thrust upon the lawful gun owners by the Colorado legislature, especially in the last two years. Please save the taxpayers of Colorado the time, money, and hassle of taking this to court to be struck down. Vote NO on SB26-043</p>
<p>Jefferson Butler</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Hello State Senate,</p> <p>I strongly oppose SB26-043 becoming law. This bill, if passed into law, would create a backdoor gun registry, and open the door to the regulation of every component of a firearm. What's next? Scopes, sights, grips, safeties, stocks? If every component of a firearm is regulated, which SB26-43 opens the door for, you regulate the 2nd Amendment out of the constitution. I urge you to</p>

	<p>oppose this legislation and uphold your oath to preserve and defend the Constitution of the State of Colorado.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Jefferson Butler</p>
<p>Jason Snyder</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This is nothing but harassment of a guaranteed right completely bankrupt of any data to prove it has any impact on safety, which even if such data existed does not excuse the legislature from overstepping its clearly defined lawful bounds. The plain text of the 2nd Amendment says all arms are protected from any law or judicial ruling that even touches the fringes of the guaranteed right for the people to be free and unencumbered to be individually well equipped for war against foreign invaders and domestic enemies. This is an insult to our intelligence as we know very well that the proponents of this bill (et al.) are bribed by outside influences to ram these overreaching laws down our throats, and such proponents should cease and desist from their lawless behavior wasting the time and resources of the good citizens of Colorado forcing them to battle these type of obviously unconstitutional laws in court.</p>
<p>Kelly Hegarty</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Dear Representatives and Members of this Committee:</p> <p>Public Comment Opposing SB26-043 - I adamantly oppose SB26-043.</p> <p>This bill would require all firearm barrel sales and transfers to occur through a federally licensed firearm dealer (FFL), ban private transfers, create new misdemeanor crimes, and mandate five years of government record-keeping. A firearm barrel is a component part; it does not fire on its own and is not classified as a firearm under federal law. There has been no clear evidence presented that regulating the transfer of individual barrels will reduce violent crime.</p> <p>SB26-043 unnecessarily expands government bureaucracy and imposes additional costs and compliance burdens on law-abiding Coloradans while doing little to address criminal misuse</p>

	<p>of firearms. Responsible gun owners, collectors, hobbyists, and small businesses would be required to pay transfer fees, complete additional paperwork, and navigate new administrative requirements for transactions involving a lawful component part.</p> <p>If the goal is public safety, efforts should focus on enforcing existing laws against violent offenders and prohibited possessors rather than creating new regulatory offenses for individuals who are already complying with the law. Public policy should be evidence-based and targeted at criminal behavior, not symbolic expansions of regulation that burden lawful citizens.</p> <p>Colorado deserves effective, measurable solutions to crime that respect constitutional rights, protect property rights, and avoid unnecessary expansion of state oversight.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully request the committee to vote NO on SB26-043.</p>
<p>Michael Graber Against themselves</p>	<p>This Bill does nothing to improve safety but certainly infringes on law abiding legal gun owners second amendment rights. Please vote against this ill conceived bill.</p>
<p>Theodore Cahoon Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill treats firearm barrels like complete firearms, adding unnecessary bureaucracy, costs, and restrictions that do nothing to enhance public safety but everything to burden responsible gun owners. It's mega-stupid.</p>
<p>Gary Travis Against themselves</p>	<p>Senators,  I urge you to vote against SB26-043. What next? Ban triggers? Ban sights? Band handgrips? If you don't stop this nonsense, I look forward to the law being struck down by recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions.</p>
<p>Grant Jerry</p>	<p>Senators,</p>

<p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I writing you today to respectfully request you vote no on SB 26-043. I am a Colorado resident, law-abiding gun owner, and a veteran. I am having an extremely hard time finding any justification for SB 26-043 and it seems to be a classic case of a solution looking for a problem. All sales and transfers of firearms in Colorado must past through a Federal Firearm Licensee and require a Form 4473 with a background check. A firearm barrel alone is not a firearm, it is incapable of inflicting harm on anyone. Forcing all sales and transfers of firearm barrels does nothing to promote public safety and nothing to reduce firearm violence. A serial numbered lower receiver will be required to complete any firearm, which would also require an FFL transfer and background check. If the intent of the bill is to affect "Ghost guns", they have been banned in previous legislation. Is there any evidence or studies pointing to the purchase of individual firearms barrels and gun violence? What problem is the legislation trying to solve? This bill is additional onerous regulations and red tape meant to punish firearm owners while provide no tangible benefit to public safety.</p> <p>Thank you, Grant Jerry</p>
<p>Jennifer Burbey Against Colorado Outfitters Association</p>	<p>Thank you for your time today. We are opposed to this bill. As the service providers for thousands of hunters, we expect and require our guests as well as ourselves to have safe serviceable firearms. This on occasion requires replacement barrels in a timely manner.</p> <p>This bill adds time and complexity to something that needs no fix. Non resident hunters pay for 70% of our wildlife management, through fees and licenses. Contributing \$10 billion in economic impact.</p>

	We ask for a no vote on a bill that won't save lives and will hinder safety and commerce .
Paul Mandal Against themselves	I believe that this proposed law does not improve public safety and is simply an attempt to make legal firearm ownership more onerous in Colorado. Strongly oppose.
Leif Sigstedt Against themselves	I wish I had the luxury of having the ability to come to these hearings to tell everyone what I think in person. Unfortunately, thanks to the reality of what life has recently become in Colorado, I have to concentrate on working hard to just scrape by, so this short testimony is the closest thing I can do. It's sad to see that the people who used to say they wanted "common sense" gun reforms are now trying to mire every aspect of owning and maintaining firearms in an arbitrary and capricious process that could only be intended to prevent law abiding people from exercising their human rights. If that's not it then it's true intention seems to be criminalizing those same law abiding people in as many ways as possible (perhaps it's both). This madness needs to stop. People don't want this hyper regulation, and it serves no moral or just purpose. Please join me in standing in firm opposition to this perversion of our bill of rights. Little by little our state is becoming an authoritarian nightmare that is choosing to erase over a hundred years of our responsible gun culture. I can firmly say that people with diverse and varied beliefs are waking up to the reality of what's going on under the Golden Dome and eventually there will be repercussions. I believe it will be in the form of legislators who supported this type of bill losing their jobs. Vote NO!
Cathy Diesing Against themselves	Stop with all the rules on owning or selling a gun, this is stupid and time consuming. Once Polis is out of here, things will change. Go after the robbers not the gun owners.
Samantha Brandt Against	Firstly, this is the definition of government overreach. You should be ashamed of yourself, all of you. I am absolutely against this, as should every Coloradan and every American. Secondly, maybe

themselves	you should spend your time trying to fix actual issues like your inability to budget and your misuse of tax dollars instead of constantly going against the constitution and removing rights from its citizens.
John Stubbs Against themselves	This bill is totally ridiculous, unenforceable and just another showing that the gun hating liberals in Colorado will do anything to harass law abiding gun owners. You can't even pretend that this will do anything to prevent crime or in any way make us safer. All you will do is end up in court again wasting our tax money and probably find this is against the second amendment. Dump this now.
Andrea Koziolk Against themselves	Colorado state constitution gives us the right to bear arms and prohibits a state registry. Every gun control law you pass further strays our state from its constitution and discriminates against working class minorities the most. Someone will still be able to go to a neighboring state and buy whatever barrel they want anyway. Destroying our constitution to placate the desires of white suburban mothers and billionaire gun control supporters like Michal Bloomberg and Douglass Emhoff is not a partisan issue. Liberals and conservatives alike are against the draconian gun control measures you are pushing.  Please vote no.
Lyn Lowry For themselves	Pass this bill. It can save lives, and it doesn't impinge on anyone's civil rights. It's the least you can do to help us avoid gun violence.  Thank you,  Lyn Lowry  Longmont
William L Brown Against themselves	Good morning. This bill from my view hurts the average law abiding citizen who may hunt, target shoot or have need of personal protection. I don't see the need to impose more restrictions on law abiding citizens. Especially with many advocating defunding the police and other agencies who are protecting all citizens. No matter the race, creed or religious preference. Thus I pray you will kill this bill immediately.

	William L. Brown Grand Junction, CO
Aaron Mercer Against themselves	<p>Once again our extremist representatives are at it again. Pushing their anti-gun agenda to once again burden law abiding firearm owners. I am really tired of the constant barrage of attacks on our second amendment rights. This is not about safety, its about control. This will not reduce crime as the criminals already do not abide by the law, hence the reason they are criminals. If the bad people were to sbide by our laws we would have not crime. Adding more laws will not change this. A barrel is not a serialized part and is not regulated by federal law. Why are we making this a state law? As an FFL this will once again, add an unneccessary burden to my FFL business with ridiculous record keeping. I am asking that you vote no on this bill.</p>
John Hutchins Against themselves	<p>Unfortunately, due to work( I work in adult inpatient psychiatric) I could not attend or zoom. I am stressed and tired of seeing gun control bills and some outrageous like this oneâ€”legally the firearm is the serialized part. For AR15s thatâ€”s the lower. For a FN FAL that is the upper, for the m14 thatâ€”s the receiver, etcâ€”I think this state has gotten too much bad government control. Thereâ€”s a state already this, why bring it here to my home state? California isnâ€”t to far away and some of you are from California. Why not go back? Why bring your California ideas here where bipartisan constituents donâ€”t want this! We want less government, we want our rights, our freedom back. This makes it impossible to repair. It adds an extra cost burden, and extra step. Barrels are not cheap, they run \$250 and up. They also require tools, specialized knowledge, skills, because if you install a barrel incorrectlyâ€”youâ€”ll quickly find out or if you manage to get it on it could implode when you test it. I tried to find a case where a mass shooter bought an after market barrel and could not. Most mentally ill people wonâ€”t have the patience for thatâ€”you need tools and skills to time the barrel correctly. I urge a NO VOTE. Vote against this outrageous billâ€”.and lastly I want to say Tom Sullivan or any on the committee who is sponsoring a bill shouldnâ€”t be allowed to vote on THEIR bill. Itâ€”s a conflict of interestâ€”the individual is already going to vote yes. Please, I urge a NO VOTE! Itâ€”s unconstitutional, itâ€”s wrong, itâ€”s to make it harder to repair in the future. VOTE AGAINST this bill. Thank you!</p>



	<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>John Hutchins</p>
<p>Gary McCombs</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This is yet another Colorado hate law dreamed up by our vengeful legislature to oppress the minority of lawful gun owners in our state. Make no mistake, it is Jim Crow 2.0. The parallels between the Jim Crow laws of the Antebellum south against black folks and these anti-gun legislation is striking. Those laws were designed to suppress the black population by taking away their guns, their voting rights, and creating spaces just for them. They were wrong 150 years ago and they are wrong today. Colorado has become the racist "New South" with the blacks being replaced by gun owners. My constitutional rights, federal rights and civil rights have been violated by this and other anti gun laws in this state. THIS MUST STOP!</p>
<p>Ingrid Moore</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>Please vote YES on this bill. This bill closes a regulatory gap by treating firearm barrels similarly to complete firearms, helping prevent individuals prohibited from owning firearms from acquiring key components to build untraceable weapons.</p> <p>The recordkeeping requirements would create an audit trail that could assist law enforcement in tracking illegal firearm construction.</p> <p>The objection that this creates a regulatory burden is a false claim. Firearms are potentially lethal weapons and should have reasonable controls without loopholes that can be exploited.</p>
<p>Mimi Yanus</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>This bill has the potential to save many lives, while not impinging on anyone's constitutional rights. Please vote YES on SB26-043. Thanks very much. Mimi Yanus</p>
<p>Michael Mensch</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Madam Chair, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present today. My name is Michael Mensch from Senate District 31, representing myself in opposition to SB26-043.</p> <p>This bill claims to address ghost guns but accomplishes neither safety nor crime prevention. Instead, it criminalizes ordinary</p>

	<p>behavior and burdens law-abiding Coloradans while criminals ignore it.</p> <p>This bill forces every barrel transfer through a licensed dealer, creates two new misdemeanors for private sales and possessing a barrel with intent to sell, and mandates a government database tracking personal information for five years. This isn't safety—it's surveillance of lawful gun owners.</p> <p>Your fiscal note exposes the fatal flaw. The state projects "minimal violations" requiring zero enforcement funding. Comparable crime analysis found only ONE conviction in three years for unlawful transfers—yet you're creating three new offenses claiming they need no resources. This admits either illegal gun manufacturing isn't significant, or criminals will ignore these requirements.</p> <p>Enforcement is impossible. Barrels are manufactured using century-old machining, steel tubing from supply shops, or electrochemical processes available to hobbyists. If someone commits existing felonies—illegal manufacturing and trafficking—they won't comply with a \$500 misdemeanor.</p> <p>But lawful owners suffer. Competition shooters, hunters, gunsmiths, and collectors face dealer fees, in-person requirements, and permanent records for parts in firearms they already own. The definition captures anything "marketed to become" a barrel, creating uncertainty. The bill implies background checks for barrel buyers—additional costs and CBI burden.</p> <p>The fiscal note contradicts itself. While claiming "minimal" barrel violations, it found 730 convictions in three years for illegal weapon possession—the comparable crime for possession-with-intent. We have enforcement capacity, yet this new crime generates no cases?</p> <p>The fundamental problem: this regulates components, not criminals. Federal and state laws already criminalize illegal manufacturing, trafficking, and prohibited possession as felonies. We lack enforcement of existing laws.</p>
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	<p>This won't stop criminalsâ€”it creates technical violators selling spare parts. I urge you: vote NO. Your fiscal analysis admits minimal impactâ€”spare law-abiding Coloradans this burden. Thank you.</p>
<p>Justin Davis Against themselves</p>	<p>I am against this bill. This bill is really crazy. I am a hunter and I get new barrels once in a while for my rifles. I purchase them from barrel manufacturers. I then have to take them to a gun smith to have them installed on my rifle. Restricting me from not being able to purchase them directly is ridiculous and affects my hunting. I hope you guys can reconsider and vote no on this bill.</p>
<p>Darrell Dinges Against themselves</p>	<p>I oppose requiring background checks on firearm barrels. This will have unnecessary financial impact on those who want to purchase a new barrel for firearm, they currently own. I believe this bill will have very limited impact on crimes committed with firearms. This bill is another gun control overreach by the Democrat party in Colorado, and makes one want to move to more Second Amendment supporting state like Wyoming.</p>
<p>Curtis Hays Against themselves</p>	<p>Chair and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Curtis Hays. I am a Colorado resident and a United States veteran. I appreciate the opportunity to speak in opposition to SB26-043.</p> <p>I come before you not as a partisan, but as someone who swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. That oath did not end with my service. It continues to guide how I evaluate public policy, especially when it concerns fundamental rights.</p> <p>The 2nd Amendment represents a core safeguard in our constitutional system. It recognizes the inherent right of citizens to defend themselves, their families, and their liberty. It exists as part of the checks and balances that ensure government remains accountable to the people.</p> <p>My concern with SB26-043 is that it continues a pattern of adding restrictions on responsible, law-abiding gun owners while failing</p>

	<p>to address the root causes of violent crime. Over the past decade, Colorado has enacted multiple firearm regulations. Yet we have not seen a clear, consistent reduction in violent crime as a result.</p> <p>Data from federal and public health agencies show that violence is a complex issue involving mental health, socioeconomic instability, gang activity, and drug trafficking. When legislation focuses primarily on restricting lawful ownership rather than targeting criminal misuse and illegal trafficking, it risks burdening compliant citizens while leaving criminals unaffected.</p> <p>As a veteran, I am especially concerned about unintended consequences for responsible owners, including those in rural areas who rely on lawful firearm ownership for personal security. Colorado is also not immune to organized criminal activity and trafficking networks that operate entirely outside legal channels. Additional restrictions on lawful owners do not meaningfully disrupt those operations.</p> <p>Public safety is an important and legitimate goal. I share that goal. But the question is whether this bill will measurably improve safety without eroding constitutional protections. If we are serious about reducing violence, we should strengthen enforcement against illegal trafficking, focus on repeat violent offenders, and invest in mental health and crisis intervention services.</p> <p>Responsible firearm ownership and public safety are not mutually exclusive.</p> <p>I urge you to vote no on SB26-043.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Curtis Hays</p> <p>Disabled USAF Veteran</p>
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## Written Testimony in Opposition to Colorado Senate Bill 26-043

To the Members of the Committee,

My name is Greg Rogers, and I am a resident of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. I submit this testimony in strong and unequivocal opposition to Senate Bill 26-043.

This bill is deeply flawed and disconnected from the realities faced by public safety professionals and local communities. If passed, it will weaken emergency services, waste taxpayer money, and place Coloradans at greater risk. This legislation does not improve public safety. It undermines it.

Emergency response depends on speed, flexibility, and local decision-making. SB26-043 adds unnecessary bureaucracy and uncertainty. Delays and confusion cost lives.

Colorado communities are diverse. SB26-043 imposes a centralized, one-size-fits-all system that strips authority from local agencies and ignores local conditions.

This bill creates new requirements without adequate funding. These unfunded mandates will burden local governments, families, and businesses, forcing agencies to cut staffing, training, and equipment.

SB26-043 disregards professional expertise and worsens recruitment, retention, and morale. Talented responders will leave, and fewer will enter the field.

Supporters may claim this bill improves outcomes. In reality, it will lead to slower response times, higher turnover, increased liability, and greater public risk.

Good policy strengthens systems that work. SB26-043 prioritizes bureaucracy over effectiveness and control over competence.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to reject SB26-043 and vote NO. The safety of Colorado's communities depends on it.

Respectfully,

Greg Rogers

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**NRA**

February 9, 2026

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee  
200 East Colfax Avenue  
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**RE: Senate Bill 26-043 – Record Keeping & Regulation of Sale of Firearm Barrel**

**Position: OPPOSE**

Dear Chairwoman Wallace and Committee Members,

I am reaching out to you concerning SB26-043 and the stance of the National Rifle Association (NRA) on this legislation. I am representing the National Rifle Association and our members across Colorado in steadfast opposition to SB26-043.

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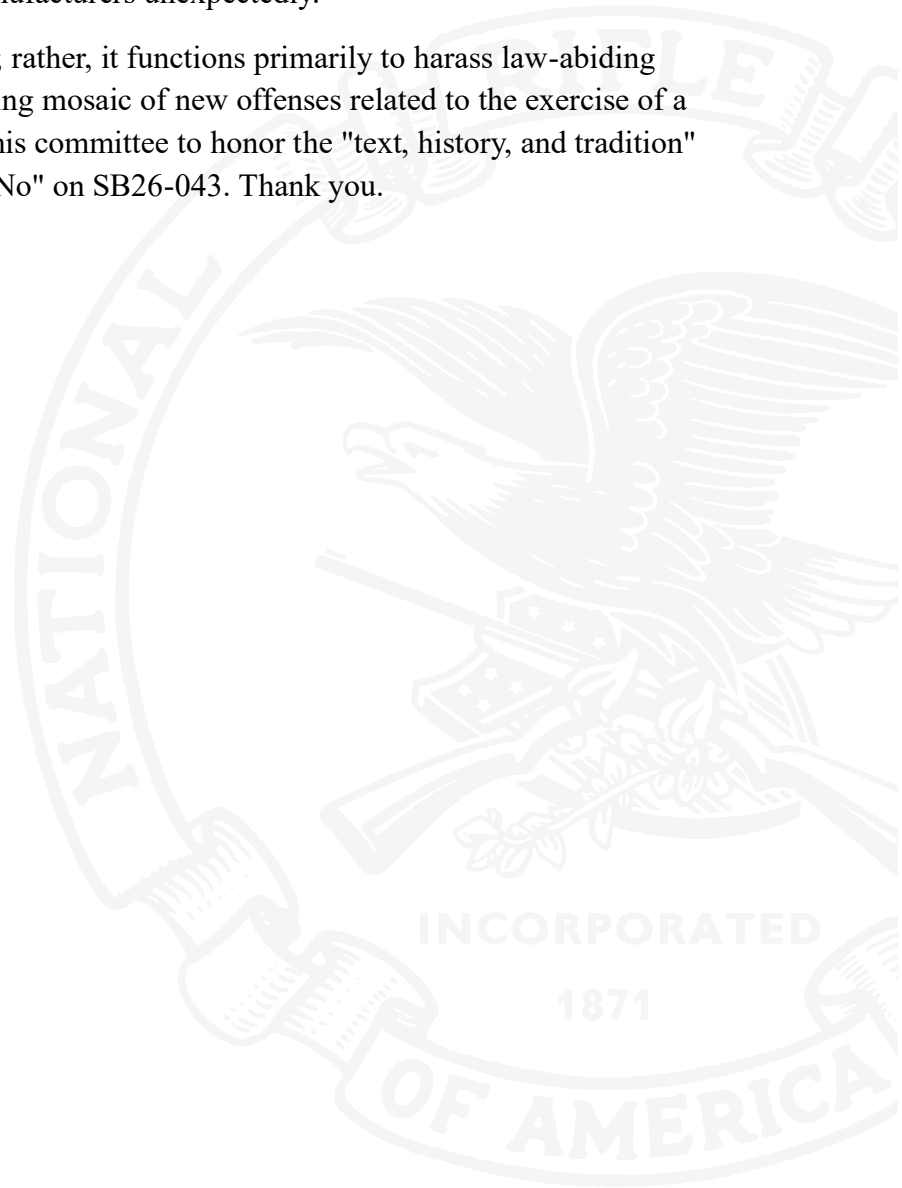
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Sincerely,

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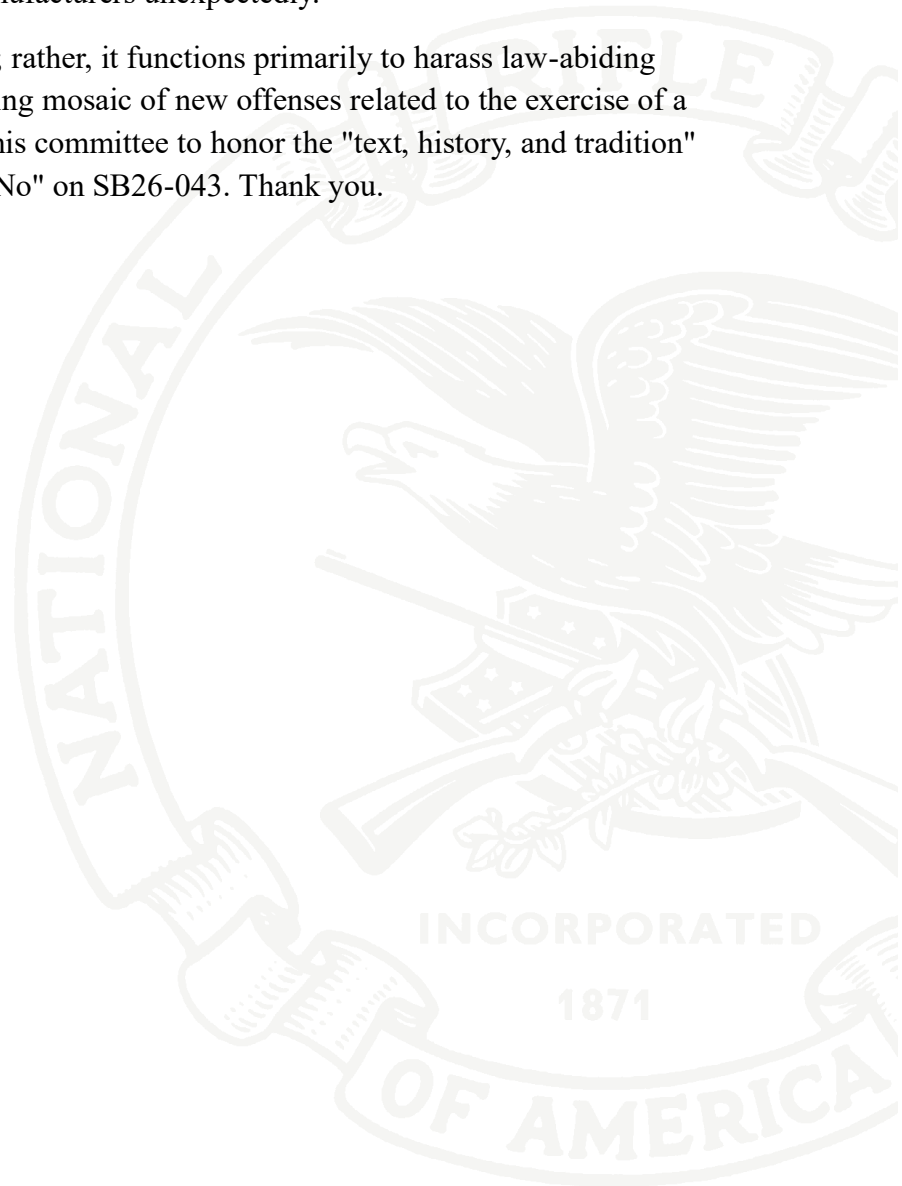
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## 1. Redundancy and Lack of Utility

Opponents argue that regulating barrels is a solution in search of a problem.

- **The "Paper Weight" Argument:** A firearm barrel cannot fire a projectile on its own. It requires a receiver (the part of the gun that is already serialized and regulated by federal law) to function.
- **Existing Controls:** Because the receiver is already the "firearm" under the law, anyone building a gun still has to pass a background check to get the functional heart of the weapon. Regulating the barrel is seen by many as adding a second, redundant layer of bureaucracy to a single finished product.

## 2. Enforcement and Identification Nightmares

One of the most practical arguments against the bill is that it is virtually unenforceable in its current form.

- **Missing Serial Numbers:** Unlike receivers, the vast majority of firearm barrels are **not serialized**. Critics ask how the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or local FFLs are supposed to "record" a transfer accurately when there is no unique identifier on the part.
- **Vague Definitions:** The bill's definition of a barrel includes items that "may readily be completed." This creates a "gray area" for hobbyists and machinists who might possess raw metal tubing, potentially turning them into accidental criminals.

## 3. Burdens on Law-Abiding Citizens

The bill is seen as a direct hit to the hobbyist and competitive shooting communities.

- **The End of Private Sales:** Under this bill, a person could no longer sell a spare barrel to a friend or at a swap meet without driving to a gun store, paying a transfer fee, and filling out government paperwork.
- **Impact on Maintenance:** Shooters who "burn out" barrels through high-volume practice (like competitive long-range shooters) would face increased costs and logistical hurdles just to maintain their equipment.
- **Age Restrictions:** By setting the age at 18, the bill prevents younger hunters or sport shooters from purchasing replacement parts for their own equipment, even if they legally own the firearm.

## 4. Constitutional and Legal Concerns

From a legal standpoint, the bill is seen by some as an "infringement by a thousand cuts."

- **Bruen Standard:** Following recent Supreme Court rulings (like *NYSRPA v. Bruen*), any firearm regulation must be consistent with the nation's historical tradition. Critics argue there is no historical precedent for regulating individual, non-functional gun parts like barrels.
- **The "Micro-stamping" Fear:** Some skeptics believe this is a "foot-in-the-door" tactic to eventually require barrels to be micro-stamped (a controversial technology that imprints a code on spent shell casings), which would effectively ban many popular existing firearm models.

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**Summary of the "Against" Position:** "A barrel is a piece of machined steel, not a weapon. By criminalizing the private transfer of a metal tube, the state is creating a logistical nightmare for law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to stop criminals who will simply ignore the paperwork."

**Testimony in opposition to: SB26-043 Record Keeping and Regulation of Sale of  
Firearm Barrel**

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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. No matter how well-intentioned the honorable legislators who support this bill may be, this measure is one more impediment to the exercise of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights for the citizens of Colorado. It is one more headache for lawful gun owners. It is one more fee, one more form, and one more reason not to possess or attempt to possess a firearm, or even repair or modify a firearm that is already in the possession of an honest citizen.

The bill also imposes an additional administrative burden on already overloaded small firearms dealers, who, if the legislation passes, will now have one more set of books to keep subject to audit from the Colorado State gun police, as well as their usual paperwork from the BATFE. It is one more reason for a small Federal/State Firearms Licensee to close up shop or move out of state.

While apparently directed at the fearful, haunting specter of "ghost guns," this legislation will have little to no effect on the behavior of criminals, while creating unnecessary complications for target shooters, hunters, and citizens interested in their natural right to armed self-defense against crime, terrorism, tyranny, and genocide. The bill also creates another source of data that a possible, less honorable future government could use as a springboard for the confiscation of currently-owned firearms

Want to save money by using a smaller caliber barrel insert in your large caliber pistol? Fill out another form. Pay a fee. Show up on another potentially illegal database. Want to buy a firearm that may utilize a number of different barrels? See above.

No doubt the honorable legislators in the Weimar Republic in pre-World War Two Germany did not foresee that their well-intentioned gun control laws would be later used by Hitler to disarm the victims of the Holocaust. Every "ethnic cleansing," racial oppression, or genocide in history has benefited from some form of weapons control inflicted upon the oppressed population.

We believe that the honorable legislators who are supporting this bill would do well to think hard about the politician that they most fear and distrust. Then, they might consider that every time they pass another gun control law, they are coming one step closer to potentially giving this person, or his or her cronies, an absolute monopoly on the use of armed force.

We urge a "No" vote on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Less than four years ago, in *NY Rifle and Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. 2111 (2022), the U.S. Supreme Court set forth in a 6-3 decision the legal standard for reviewing restrictions/regulations upon the individual right to keep and bear arms pursuant to the Second Amendment. The complete opinion may be found at [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843\\_7j80.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf)

Two salient passages from Justice Thomas' majority opinion:

1. (p. 8) "In keeping with *Heller*, we hold that when the Second Amendment's plain text covers an individual's conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct. To justify its regulation, the government may not simply posit that the regulation promotes an important interest. Rather, the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. Only if a firearm regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition may a court conclude that the individual's conduct falls outside the Second Amendment's 'unqualified command.'" *Konigsberg v. State Bar of Cal.*, 366 U. S. 36, 50, n. 10 (1961)
2. (p. 17) "But while that judicial deference to legislative interest balancing is understandable—and, elsewhere, appropriate—it is not deference that the Constitution demands here. The Second Amendment 'is the very product of an interest balancing by the people' and it 'surely elevates above all other interests the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms' for self-defense. *Heller*, 554 U. S., at 635. It is this balance—struck by the traditions of the American people—that demands our unqualified deference."

If you read the Court's opinion, especially in context/relation to other Second Amendment cases decided by SCOTUS, it is readily apparent that the restrictions of the type/form in SB26-043—which imposes severe restrictions/regulations on the purchase of firearms PARTS not constituting actual firearms under the prevailing legal definitions--cannot possibly withstand any form of judicial scrutiny upon Constitutional challenge. There a long, well-established and storied history of Americans repairing or modifying firearms for personal use, and per the passages above, any sham purpose stated by the sponsors of this bill are of no legal consequence in light of that history and the unwarranted and egregious level of restrictions contained in this proposed legislation. As legislators, it is your sworn duty and obligation to follow the laws of the land, first and foremost the U.S. Constitution. Enactment of this and similar anti-gun legislation under current consideration by the General Assembly is in clear and direct contravention of that duty/obligation.

The purchase of automobiles involves registration and licensing by the state. Are we to understand that obtaining necessary parts for modification or repair will likewise require state registration and licensing as well? What about other mechanical and electronic devices, or any other possessions/tools NOT afforded distinct and unequivocal Constitutional protection?

This bill is not only illegal, it is ABSURD and RIDICULOUS! Please put a stop to this senseless and UNCONSTITUTIONAL attack on the rights of law-abiding Colorado citizens and vote against this and similarly-associated legislation. Thank you.

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SENATE BILL 26-043

I reviewed the single version of SB26-043 available online, downloaded 2/11/2026 10:54 am MST. There was only one other document available, the Fiscal Note.

The bill concludes with this paragraph:

*SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.*

I can find no statement in the Bill that justifies this conclusion and the actual threat to the people of Colorado for proposing this Bill.

The Fiscal Note uses the number of firearms possessed illegally and unlawful purchase of a firearm as comparisons for the illegal transfer of a barrel. It is not reasonable to assume that the number of firearms illegally possessed or transferred can be compared to a component of a firearm, especially since changing a barrel on of firearm and maintaining functionality of the firearm requires a level of skill most people would not have.

Where is the danger of a transferred barrel? The Fiscal Note does not identify the number of crimes that have occurred by the exchange of a barrel not originally on a firearm.

This bill does not exempt the transfer of barrels designed for antique replica firearms, i.e. black powder firearms. The Bill and the Fiscal Note do not identify a threat to public for the transfer of this category of the firearm barrel.

## **Statement of Opposition to SB26-043: Record Keeping & Regulation of Sale of Firearm Barrels**

Honorable Members of the Colorado General Assembly,

I stand in opposition to SB26-043, a bill that seeks to impose burdensome regulations on the sale and transfer of firearm barrels in Colorado. While the bill may be framed as a measure to increase public safety, it is, in reality, a misguided effort that infringes upon the fundamental rights of law-abiding citizens and violates the protections guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

### **The Right to Manufacture and Possess Firearms is Constitutionally Protected**

At the heart of this bill is an attempt to regulate the sale and transfer of firearm components, including barrels. However, the manufacturing and possession of firearms is not only legal but constitutionally protected under the Second Amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently upheld the individual right to keep and bear arms, most notably in the landmark case of *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), where the Court affirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected to service in a militia.

The Court further clarified that this right extends to both the acquisition and possession of firearms and their components, including firearm barrels. Requiring registration of firearm barrels, as SB26-043 proposes, directly contradicts this constitutional protection. Any attempt to regulate or track the sale of firearm components could be seen as an undue infringement on an individual's right to manufacture, assemble, and own firearms as they see fit.

### **Firearm Registration is a Violation of the Second Amendment**

SB26-043's push for mandatory record-keeping and regulation of firearm barrel sales is essentially a backdoor attempt at firearm registration, which is deeply problematic. Firearm registration has long been seen as an encroachment on the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. Historically, registration schemes have been used as a means to track and ultimately restrict lawful gun ownership. As we saw in *United States v. Miller* (1939), the Court ruled that the federal government could regulate certain types of firearms that were not "in common use" or "reasonable for militia purposes," but it did not endorse a broad system of registration or tracking of every firearm owned by law-abiding citizens.

Mandatory firearm registration has been shown to lead to further infringements on Second Amendment rights. It allows for the identification of individuals' private property, paving the way for potential confiscation or undue restrictions. This bill would further normalize the



concept of state-sanctioned surveillance of firearm ownership, setting a dangerous precedent for future infringements on the rights of responsible gun owners.

### **"Lawfare" Against Law-Abiding Citizens**

Laws like SB26-043 are nothing more than "lawfare"—an effort to undermine the rights of law-abiding citizens through bureaucratic hurdles and unnecessary regulation. Instead of focusing on real solutions to reduce crime and enhance public safety, bills like this punish lawful gun owners for the actions of criminals who choose to break the law. The fundamental flaw in this approach is that criminals do not follow the law. Those who seek to use firearms for illegal purposes will continue to find ways to acquire them, regardless of regulation. The National Institute of Justice has shown that criminals frequently obtain firearms from sources outside the legal market, including theft and black market sales.

By focusing on regulating firearm components like barrels, SB26-043 distracts from the real issues facing our communities, such as criminal behavior, illegal firearm trafficking, and mental health. Rather than passing laws that infringe on the rights of responsible gun owners, we should focus on policies that address the root causes of crime and promote public safety without violating the Constitution.

### **No Evidence of Crime Reduction**

In fact, evidence shows that laws restricting lawful firearm ownership do not reduce crime rates. States with stricter gun control laws, such as California and Illinois, still suffer from high rates of gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking. Meanwhile, states that have embraced stronger Second Amendment protections, such as Florida and Texas, have seen lower crime rates, including violent crime and gun-related homicides. The evidence suggests that when law-abiding citizens are empowered to protect themselves, they contribute to safer communities. SB26-043 would not reduce crime; it would merely create more barriers for lawful gun owners while doing little to address the criminal misuse of firearms.

### **Conclusion**

For these reasons, I urge the members of this Assembly to oppose SB26-043. This bill is a direct infringement on the Second Amendment rights of Colorado citizens and would do little to address crime or enhance public safety. It is a misguided attempt at gun control that focuses on law-abiding citizens rather than the true causes of crime.

We should reject any attempt to register or regulate firearm components and instead focus on policies that promote responsible gun ownership, protect individual liberties, and address the root causes of crime.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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## Committee Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 26 043

### Before the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

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#### My name is Samuel Clarke.

I am a U.S. Army Veteran and a resident of Douglas County, Colorado. I submit this testimony in opposition to **Senate Bill 26 043**, concerning the regulation of firearm barrel transfers.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this bill for the following reasons:

- (1) it burdens constitutionally protected conduct in a predictable and recurring manner,
- (2) the State has not identified a historically grounded analogue that is relevantly similar in how and why it burdens the right,
- (3) the bill's definitions and enforcement structure fail to provide adequate notice under settled due process doctrine, and
- (4) the bill establishes standardized long term traceability of lawful owners through compelled third party recordkeeping in a manner inconsistent with Colorado's longstanding statutory approach to limiting government retention and aggregation of firearm ownership information.

Where criminal penalties intersect with the exercise of constitutional rights, heightened legislative precision and restraint are warranted.

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#### I. Constitutional Protection of the Regulated Conduct

Senate Bill 26 043 regulates conduct protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and by Article II, Section 13 of the Colorado Constitution, which provides:

"The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in question."

A firearm cannot function without a barrel. A barrel is an essential functional component required to render an arm operable. Unlike a one time purchase, barrels are components that predictably require replacement over the life of a firearm due to wear, corrosion, erosion, or loss of accuracy. For that reason, regulations governing barrel acquisition operate not as isolated conditions on a single transaction, but as **recurring constraints on the continued lawful use and maintenance of arms over time**.

The State may impose reasonable conditions on commercial sales of arms. However, where those conditions regulate conduct covered by the plain text of the Second

Amendment and materially affect the ability of lawful owners to keep arms operable for lawful purposes, they remain subject to constitutional limits.

In **District of Columbia v. Heller**, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the United States Supreme Court recognized:

“The inherent right of self-defense has been central to the Second Amendment right.”

In **New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen**, 597 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2022), the Court articulated the governing framework:

“When the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct.”

The Court further held:

“The government must then justify its regulation by demonstrating that it is consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”

Under *Bruen*, the inquiry is not whether a modern policy appears useful or convenient, but whether the government can identify a historical analogue that is **relevantly similar in how and why it burdens the right**. While Founding era regulations addressed the public carry of arms, storage of gunpowder, or the conduct of sellers in commercial markets, they did not impose criminal penalties on the routine maintenance and replacement of components necessary to keep lawfully owned arms functional.

The historical record contains no tradition of conditioning the private transfer or replacement acquisition of firearm barrels on licensed intermediaries enforced by criminal penalties. This bill therefore lacks a historically grounded analogue as required by *Bruen*.

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## II. Due Process and Vagueness Concerns

Senate Bill 26 043 raises serious due process concerns through its definition of “firearm barrel.” The bill defines a firearm barrel to include:

any forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body, or similar article that has reached a stage in manufacture where it may readily be completed or converted into a firearm barrel.

This definition provides no objective or measurable criteria by which an ordinary person can determine, **at the time of conduct**, whether a particular item is lawful to possess, transfer, or sell.

The United States Supreme Court has long held that vague criminal statutes violate due process because they fail to provide adequate notice and invite arbitrary enforcement. In **Kolender v. Lawson**, 461 U.S. 352 (1983), the Court stated:

“A statute which either forbids or requires the doing of an act in terms so vague that men of common intelligence must necessarily guess at its meaning and differ as to its application violates the first essential of due process of law.”

This bill does not limit criminal exposure to licensed professionals operating within a narrowly defined regulatory regime. It extends criminal liability to any person engaged in a transfer. When criminal liability turns on post hoc determinations of whether an item was “readily convertible,” rather than on objective criteria available ex ante, individuals lack meaningful notice, and enforcement discretion becomes unavoidable.

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### **III. Technical and Practical Concerns**

The bill reflects a misunderstanding of basic firearm design and maintenance. Under federal law, firearm barrels are not firearms, are not serialized, and are not treated as controlled items. Barrels are consumable components that wear out, corrode, and lose accuracy through ordinary use, and they are routinely replaced for lawful purposes such as hunting, competition shooting, and duty use.

Regulating barrels as though they were complete weapons or inherently dangerous items treats ordinary maintenance and repair as suspect conduct rather than as an expected aspect of lawful ownership.

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### **IV. Structural Enforcement Concerns**

The bill creates new criminal offenses without providing any mechanism for lawful owners to document the provenance of barrels already in circulation, without any grandfathering framework, and without any practical means for ordinary individuals to demonstrate lawful acquisition years after the fact.

As a result, enforcement necessarily depends on incidental discovery combined with subjective interpretation of whether an item falls within the statute’s definition. This structure increases the risk of uneven application and undermines confidence in consistent and even handed enforcement.

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### **V. Compelled Recordkeeping and Traceability**

Senate Bill 26 043 establishes standardized, long term traceability of lawful owners through compelled third party recordkeeping. The bill requires licensed dealers to collect, standardize, and retain detailed personal identifying information for a minimum of five years on forms prescribed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. These records include the purchaser's full legal name, residential address, date of birth, government identification number, and the make, model, and caliber of the firearm associated with the barrel.

The State may argue that because records are physically held by dealers rather than maintained in a centralized state database, this structure does not constitute a registry. However, courts evaluate substance rather than labels. A system that mandates standardized data collection, long term retention, and state inspection access creates durable, identity linked traceability as a practical matter, whether records are centralized or distributed.

This structure departs from Colorado's longstanding statutory approach of limiting long term governmental aggregation and retention of lawful firearm ownership information and raises concerns of legislative incoherence achieved through indirect means rather than express policy choice.

In **NAACP v. Alabama**, 357 U.S. 449 (1958), the Supreme Court recognized that compelled disclosure of identifying information can burden constitutional rights, stating:

"It is hardly a novel perception that compelled disclosure of affiliation with groups engaged in advocacy may constitute a restraint on freedom of association."

While firearms regulation differs from expressive association, the Court's recognition that compelled identification can burden the exercise of constitutional rights remains instructive where identifying information is permanently associated with the exercise of a protected right, even through indirect and distributed mechanisms.

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## **VI. Lack of Alignment with Criminal Firearm Misuse**

Violent crime involving firearms overwhelmingly involves stolen firearms and illegal possession. There is no evidence that lawful private barrel transfers materially contribute to such activity. This bill instead imposes compliance burdens on lawful owners, small businesses, gunsmiths, and hobbyists, while leaving criminal acquisition channels largely unaffected.

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## **VII. Legislative Obligation**

Members of the General Assembly swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado. That oath carries an obligation to ensure that new criminal statutes are drafted with precision and consistency with existing constitutional protections and statutory frameworks, particularly where criminal penalties are imposed and fundamental rights are implicated.

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### **Conclusion**

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to vote **no** on Senate Bill 26 043.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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