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HB23-1050 Protection Of Business From Unlawful Entry

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Valerie Passerini  Against  themselves	HB23-1050  There are 3 main reasons why this proposed legislation should not be adopted.  1) Deadly force is only to be used when faced with a threat of potentially deadly force. This is as simple as like for like, tit for tat, not bazooka vs. a slap. Reacting disproportionately when your life is not threatened will result in murder for a minor slight.  I implore the bill's sponsor to explain how an intrusion into a business should be met with deadly force? Shall this new kind of doctrine extend to deadly force as the first resort? When did inalienable rights of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" expand to include "and anything you might have stored in your business?"  2) If the preservation of a human's life is to be respected, how does this square against a law allowing anyone (owner, employee and anyone else standing by) to kill for an "intrusion" If we don't allow the death penalty for breaking and entering, how would we sanction this act for any number of people.  3) Plenty of states have stand your ground laws that extend beyond the home. Research from the RAND corporation (hardly a controversial source) shows that the main result is more death - not less property crime. Which is worse - killing another human being or being the victim of a property crime? (note there is no threat of imminent bodily harm - or self defense law would apply)

<p>Rionda Osman</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Written testimony submitted to the State, Civic, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee</p> <p>In opposition to HB23-1050 Protection of Business from Unlawful Entry</p> <p>Submitted by Rionda Osman, Boulder CO</p> <p>The bill extends the right to use deadly physical force against an intruder by owners, managers, and employees of a business. This bill has no requirement to verify that the intruder is, in fact, committing a crime, or that the intruder is, in fact, unknown or on the premises with the intent to commit a crime. The intruder need not threaten violence to be subject to summary execution by the business person.</p> <p>Recent research (see below) indicates that Stand Your Ground laws are associated with increased numbers of homicides. The authors assessed in "41 US states, SYG laws were associated with an 8% to 11% national increase in monthly rates of homicide and firearm homicide. State-level increases in homicide and firearm homicide rates reached 10% or higher for many Southern states, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana."</p> <p>I urge you to reject this bill in the interests of the health and safety of Colorado's citizens. Our places of business are not video games. Those wielding firearms must be responsible. They must maintain composure and seek less violent ends to confrontations or potential confrontations. They could even back away and call for police help. They can do all those things and still have the right to self-defense.</p> <p>Rionda Osman, 2 February 2023</p> <p>Analysis of "Stand Your Ground" Self-defense Laws and Statewide Rates of Homicides and Firearm Homicides</p> <p>Michelle Degli Esposti, PhD; Douglas J. Wiebe, PhD; Antonio Gasparrini, PhD; David K. Humphreys, PhD</p> <p>Downloaded From: <a href="https://jamanetwork.com/">https://jamanetwork.com/</a> on 02/22/2022</p> <p>Published: February 21, 2022. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.0077</p>
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<p>William Locke For themselves</p>	<p>I support HB23-1050 (Protection of Business from Unlawful Entry). I believe that people should have the right to use all necessary force on unlawful intruders - whether that be in a house or a business or when you are driving in your car. Crime has been increasing and the perpetrators are getting more violent. Many of the perpetrators are causing serious bodily injury and death to their victims. A citizen shouldn't have to wait until the exact moment that an unlawful entry turns into an assault in order to protect themselves and their property.</p>
<p>Richard Miller For themselves</p>	<p>RE: HD23-1050 Protection of Business from Unlawful Entry Act</p> <p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>As you are aware, the Bill of Rights was adopted on December 15, 1791. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms was the Second Amendment, second only to our precious right to Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press. Subsequent Supreme Court cases have ruled that these rights apply at the State level as well.</p> <p>The citizens of our State and country find ourselves in an environment of steeply rising violent crime and severely underfunded Law Enforcement budgets.</p> <p>Please vote for HB23-1044 (Second Amendment Preservation Act) and HR23-1050 (Protection of Business from Unlawful Entry Act) so that the citizens of the state of Colorado can enjoy their Constitutional Rights to protect their lives and those of their friends and families.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.</p> <p>Richard A Miller Monument, CO</p>
<p>Stephen Kellums For themselves</p>	<p>I am for a the right of any law-abiding citizen to protect themselves from harm by using a firearm if they so choose. Disarming law-abiding citizens only creates more soft targets and does nothing to reduce crime. Punish the criminals do not punish law-abiding citizens for the acts of criminals.</p>

Charles Hillerson  For  themselves	Passage of this bill will serve to deter crime in Colorado.
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