

Senate Local Government & Housing

05/02/2023 02:00 PM

HB23-1165 County Authority To Prohibit Firearms Discharge

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
<p>Peter Pres</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Subject: Please Oppose HB23-1165</p> <p>As a concerned citizen, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB23-1165, a bill that allows counties the authority to ban shooting on private property within their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Banning shooting on private property does nothing to promote public safety. The only real effect of this bill will be to require citizens, like me, to pay to practice at a shooting range if my county follows through with the newly granted authority.</p> <p>Please focus on supporting policies that protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration</p>
<p>John Canning</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Restricting property rights is NOT the way to go!</p> <p>WE have firearm laws restricting discharging a rifle closer than 400 feet from an occupiable structure,</p> <p>We have the right to defend ourselves too!</p> <p>By limiting one's right to self defense, this proposal will endanger many lawful firearm owners! What this bill will do is significantly thwart the Second amendment!</p> <p>The Right of the People to keep and bear arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED! Your law is therefore Not aligned with our Constitutional rights. Furthermore restrictions on private property is unnecessary and may endanger law abiding citizens of our great Country and State.</p> <p>I therefore demand that this bill be removed from debate and also ask that this effort to thwart the constitution and be withdrawn from the floor. It is</p>

	<p>shocking that there are representatives sworn to defend our right and our constitution have attempted this unlawful passage of this bill. Your ( the congressional representatives )should be ashamed of this attempt. You should spend your time studying history and not on restricting our rights.</p>
<p>Douglas Prato Against themselves</p>	<p>I personally think the entire law is simply a waste of taxpayers money. Most Colorado citizens probably never encounter a situation in which you are creating a law to prohibit particularly in rural areas. I would be curious to see what statistics you are using to come to the conclusion to promote this bill other than to harass law abiding citizens as you have been doing for years and particularly as of recent times.</p> <p>I think your time would be better served in dealing with community safety by cleaning up the city of Denver in particular both for the increase in crime and homelessness,</p> <p>Additionally, it wouldn't hurt to spend time on the fentanyl and illegal immigration problems, and convicting individual who commit felony crimes instead of letting them off with a slap on the wrist. There are so many more important issues to deal with instead of this obsession with gun safety when we have lost 100,000 people to fentanyl in the last year and the immigration and other Democrat policies have created the uptick in crime and violence in Colorado. Colorado Number 1 state for car thefts.</p> <p>What exactly are you people thinking about besides trying to subjugate law abiding Colorado citizens?</p>
<p>Dale Rideout Against themselves</p>	<p>On HB23-1165, what is it that bothers you all that a fellow citizen might be exercising their Rights? Are you afraid of your neighbors? If so, why? The sound of someone shooting in the country is the sound of freedom, ask any country person. Is it the noise? Then consider making suppressors legal again, shooters would like to quiet down their firearms too. In short, you've done enough damage already with your other infringements on the 2nd Amendment, leave our Rights alone. Any law against the Constitution is a law in color only and inherently does more damage than good.</p> <p>Let me tell you a little story, there was a heard of sheep that had been repeatedly attack by a wolf. The sheep noticed that what actually killed their brethren was the wolfs teeth. The sheep decided to pull all of their own teeth for the protection of the heard. This is what you all are doing. Stop! Just stop.</p>
<p>Kelly Hegarty Against themselves</p>	<p>This legislation represents overreach from the state. Individuals and County Commissioners do not need legislation telling us how to respond to local concerns. And suggesting individual landowners would need permission</p>

	<p>from our County Commissioners use a weapon is not the proper role of government.</p> <p>As individuals, in our rural areas and counties, there are many reasons I may need to discharge a weapon and I should not need to request permission to do so. If I have animals to protect, or perhaps I need protection from predatory animals, there should not be an infringement on the ability to use my weapon.</p> <p>I also consider this a further violation of my private property rights. I own 40 acres and should not be limited as to the lawful use of my land.</p> <p>I understand most cities have regulations for discharging a weapon within a city limit, and in more densely populated areas, that makes sense, however, limiting the use of a weapon in a county area is unnecessary and is unsafe for my personal protection.</p> <p>Please vote "NO" on HB1165. Thank You</p>
<p>Tom Muckenthaler Against themselves</p>	<p>NO where in the Constitution do WE THE PEOPLE give you, the Government, PERMISSION to dictate to us what we can or cannot do on our private property. The RIGHT to keep and bear arms includes the RIGHT to practice and ensure we are able to defend ourselves and our families. Likewise we have the right to hunt on private property within current hunting regulations. Existing safety standards are sufficient to ensure safety for others.</p> <p>Please justify your actions in proposing this UNConstitutional bill by stating the specific Article and Section in the Constitution where you believe We the People give you permission for this bill.</p>
<p>Calvin Mauger Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is just another example of government overreach by the democrats in Colorado because they have such a large majority in this year's Senate. It seems like they believe this is a perfect time to attack our Constitutional Rights. An avalanche of gun bills have already been signed by our governor.</p> <p>This bill is nothing but an attempt by the government to control what you do on your own private land. It would give anti-gun officials in rural areas to prohibit shooting on private land that they have no business dictating a</p>

	<p>legal activity on. The way this bill is written is deceptive and this deception will be used by democrat County Officials to attack citizen Rights. This bill would allow trailers, cars, sheds, etc. to be used in the count of residences. This blown up number can then be used to give officials the ability to stop shooting on rural lands that suddenly meet the minimum amount of residences per square mile. They can then outlaw shooting on these lands. We need to fight to protect all Rights. Once they are taken they will never be given back. This government needs to be reminded we are CITIZENS, NOT SERFS!</p>
<p>Craig Bauer Against themselves</p>	<p>Hello. Those of you who are reading this have an obligation to the constitution. Since at least 1968, members of legislation in Colorado and nationally have evaded and used and colluded In nefarious efforts to dismiss the limitations imposed upon ANY official in the united states. Clearly, you are intending the same here. The 5th amendment guarantees my and others their INALIENABLE RIGHT to their property. Your proposal of action to ban shooting on private property is highly unconstitutional and egregious in nature. Clearly to do understand the ramifications of your attempt to steal property under the color of law. It is a felony and since you yourself who would see this unconstitutional bill into legislation, have written your individual names upon the bill, if passed your are guilty of a FELONY and since you have acted outside your boundaries outlined in the constitution, qualified immunity does not apply. As of this LAWFUL testimony, you are hereby notified that this "bill" , if passed, is unconstitutional and you that have lended material support are guilty of multiple crimes. Please refrain from making more of these situations. Private property exists FOR A REASON, it keeps war to a minimum. Lessons learned SHALL PREVENT FUTURE FAILURE. Perhaps you should point your ideas to more pressing problems than attempting to undermine national security and sovereignty.</p>
<p>Mark Rademacher Against themselves</p>	<p>You ( the government) need to stop trying and run everything in our lives. All you do is stick your nose in things that are none of your business. You don't need to tell me what I can do on my own property. It's just your job to make decisions for citizens at any level. I strongly oppose this bill.</p>
<p>Michael Thayer Against themselves</p>	<p>This proposed bill seems to be trying to fix a problem that does not exist. I am not aware of any injuries due to using firearms on one's personal property to other people nearby. Those of us who live in rural areas are well versed in gun safety and are responsible and safe in the use of firearms.</p>

	<p>In addition, those of us who have livestock, and/or poultry often have to protect them from predators. Our livelihood depends on having a good crop of lambs, calves, or chickens. Predators not only kill our animals, but the animals that survive an attack do suffer from PSTS. They won't graze near where the attack occurred, instead only graze where they feel less threatened. This results in over grazing in those areas and damaging the eco-system.</p> <p>I assure you it is no fun to find a lambs throat tore open or its bowels dragging on the ground while it tries to walk if it survives the attack.</p> <p>Please kill this ill iintended bill and preserve our right to defend our property.</p> <p>thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Mike Thayer, land owner and livestock husbandman.</p>
<p>Ellen Schmit Against themselves</p>	<p>STRONGLY oppose!</p> <p>This bill is intrusive and forces people to pay to access their 2A rights.</p> <p>This bill's only real effect will be requiring citizens to pay to practice at a shooting range rather than on their own private property.</p>
<p>Alan Proctor Against themselves</p>	<p>hb23-1165</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to speak. I have 3 problems with this legislation and 2 better solutions.</p> <p>Problems:</p> <p>1). I live on 7.6 acres in rural Bailey. This law is an attempt to ban public outdoor gun ranges to prevent Americans from exercising their right to practice firearm safety.</p> <p>2). You legislators took an oath to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States which includes the 2nd amendment. This proposed legislation does neither.</p>

	<p>3). This law will turn your gun owning mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, son, brother, father, and grandfather into either a felon overnight for practicing their constitutional right to practice self-defense on THEIR private land.</p> <p>Solutions:</p> <p>1). Let counties and neighborhoods manage their own land use issues. The state has no business in this matter.</p> <p>2). If you vote for and pass this legislation you need to resign for violating your oath of office.</p>
<p>John Maxwell Against themselves</p>	<p>I am testifying in opposition to another bill that is an overreach of the State of Colorado based on our given second amendment rights. The Legislature has seen fit to attempt to enact legislation that puts city values on rural lifestyles. Stay out of our lives and stop trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist. We really don't need or want your overreach. This bill is far too restrictive for our rural lifestyles and serves nothing but to limit our ability to practice our hobbies. Basing these restrictions on something called a "dwelling" is far too broad, which can be anything from cars to tents to hotels to homes! Thank you.</p>
<p>Eric Lintelmann Against themselves</p>	<p>Dear fascists in support of this bill,</p> <p>Please vote against this attack on rural values and property rights.</p> <p>This law is absolutely a violation of private property rights and a restriction of the 2nd Amendment, making this bill unconstitutional.</p> <p>Restricting the rights to shoot on private property will result in everyone moving to national forest land to shoot, overpressuring wildlife and creating more dangerous interactions when recreationists do not know the rules.</p>

	Stop dividing our state and work on real priorities that matter to Coloradans. Go back to California if you don't like it here.
Ron Hunt Against themselves	I believe that this bill would negatively impact those families that have moved to rural areas in pursuit of a particular type of lifestyle that has been in existence for hundreds of years. Changing the rules after people have made sacrifices to live in areas seems unreasonable. Not to mention that there seems to be no real benefit to anyone if the change is made. Not being able to discharge a firearm within hundreds of acres because there is an abandoned house seems like a silly rule that is only meant to further diminish the Second Amendment in Colorado.
Laura Jensen Against themselves	OPPOSE this unconstitutional bill! This is a violation of Second Amendment and property rights.
Jim Nichols Against themselves	Stop infringing on our rights and protect our constitutional rights as your oath requires!!!
Princess Periwinkle Against themselves	We are apposed to this legislation that bans firearm use on private property. We should be able to fire weapons on our own acreage
KIRK FLEMING Against themselves	5/1/2023  As a landowner I am strongly opposed to Bill HB23-1165 as it denies MY 2nd amendment right. HB23-1165 has no effect on gun violence and I have seen no supporting data that would suggest firearm usage on private land pose any significant public, business, or personal safety issues.  I Kirk D. Fleming strongly oppose Bill HB23-1165.
Peter Pres Against themselves	As a concerned citizen, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB23-1165, a bill that allows counties the authority to ban shooting on private property within their jurisdiction.  Banning shooting on private property does nothing to promote public safety. The only real effect of this bill will be to require citizens, like me, to

	<p>pay to practice at a shooting range if my county follows through with the newly granted authority.</p> <p>Please focus on supporting policies that protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Regards.</p> <p>Peter Pres</p>
<p>David LeBlanc</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I oppose any further infringement on the peoples right to bear arms, and especially on private property.</p> <p>This bill offers no extra safety to self or society, but rather restricts citizens constitutional rights, both state and federal, for no benefit to any citizen.</p> <p>This bill is just one more attempt to restrict rights by attacking one small bite at a time.</p> <p>I stand by our 2nd Amendment as a limit to infringement by government as shown by this bill.</p> <p>There is no need to limit rural rights.</p> <p>No person shall be any less safe by leaving the law as is.</p> <p>No urban person is any less safe for allowing freedom in rural areas.</p> <p>I strongly urge the legislature to oppose this bill and any further attempts to restrict or erode gun rights in the state of Colorado.</p>
<p>Rebecca Kinder</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>The attempt to disarm citizens who have broken no law became clear when occupancy of dwellings nearby was not necessary in order to forbid shooting. It serves no other purpose. Liability and criminal charges are already serious legal deterrents to human carelessness.</p> <p>The bill is unlawful, unconstitutional restriction of gun rights, and will cost Colorado tax payers millions before being stricken. It makes the Colorado legislature appear interested in catering to the left wing base more than in serving the citizens of Colorado.</p>

	<p>HB23-1165 needs to die now, before it does way more harm than good.</p>
<p>Stafford Morisset Against themselves</p>	<p>Good day. 1. I'd like to know how this bill will prevent any crime. I have never heard of shooting on private land affecting anyone negatively in any way. 2. I'm furious at the arrogance that you believe you have the right to tell farmers, ranchers, (such as myself), and land owners what they can do on their own land! 3. How do you suppose we are to stop predators, such as coyotes, skunks, raccoons, ect....from killing our chickens, ducks, calves, baby goats? 4. The way I understand this is written, this could be based on the amount of structures within a square mile as well. I have 7 structures on my property alone with only two of us living here. 5. Every shooting range I know of is privately owned. This includes rifle ranges, trap clubs, skeet, sporting clays. Most of these fall within realm of your bill. Do you intend to shut those down as well? This bill is drawn up as such!</p> <p>I feel this is nothing more than a control grab aimed at keeping people from exercising their God given rights! Keep your agenda off my private property!</p>
<p>Andy Stuckwisch Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is unconstitutional in many ways. You need to stop trying to tell me what I can, and cannot do on my own property. I don't live in town for a reason. One of those reasons is I can celebrate my Second Amendment and shoot my guns at my will. It has been shown that proponents for bills like this have no idea how to safely shoot guns. We saw during Covid and the upheaval of the George Floyd riots that many people realized how unsafe the government keeps us many of those people bought land out of town. Many of those people also purchased firearms for their protection. A lot of first time gun owners want training, and a great way to do that is to shoot on their rural property or go to a friends property. Stop with the overreach.</p>
<p>Gregory Nasrallah Against themselves</p>	<p>As a decades long resident of Colorado and a land owner, I strongly oppose this bill. As an American citizen I have the right to bear arms. I am appalled that this is under consideration. Do not pass this bill! It is unconstitutional. I urge you to protect the freedom that has made America a great nation and a beacon of light and liberty for the world.</p>
<p>James Ernandes Against themselves</p>	<p>Please stop making new laws that seek to control my property. I am a law abiding citizen and don't support laws that will change that.</p>
<p>Polly Nasrallah Against</p>	<p>I've lived in Colorado for over 60 years. I live outside the city limits for many reasons: peace and quiet, room to grow my own vegetables, to be able to see the stars at night, watch the birds and wildlife fly and roam</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>through our land, and last but not least- be able to shoot target practice. I cannot understand a government that represents the greatest nation in the world that wants to methodically remove the rights for freedom that its citizens possess. A nation populated by citizens with freedom is what makes it a great powerful nation. DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!</p>
<p>Nancy Schultz Against themselves</p>	<p>I do not support this bill. We have been overrun by prairie dogs and they carry disease and ruin our grass hay field and our family orchard. We have the right to protect and manage our property.</p>
<p>Joseph Perry Against themselves</p>	<p>I urge you to vote against this bill. It will do nothing for safety. Its only real effects will be to deprive property owners of an enumerated right, and to crowd shooting ranges, particularly in counties like Boulder which make it impossible to create shooting ranges. It is a second-amendment analog to supporting the first amendment by cutting off access to paper ballots and closing polling stations. This is unacceptable and unconstitutional.</p>
<p>Christian Mason Against themselves</p>	<p>What problem exactly is this bill attempting to solve?</p> <p>It is already illegal to discharge firearms in an unsafe manner on private property.</p> <p>Existing noise ordinances can address shooting that overly disruptive or intrusive.</p> <p>Attempting to regulate what people do on their own property, when they're not causing anyone else harm, is at odds with the liberal values that Colorado claims to represent.</p> <p>If people are acting unsafely, or causing an undue disruption, existing law is more than adequate to address that.</p> <p>If those things aren't happening I'm not sure what reasonable objection people have to individuals shooting on their own property.</p>
<p>Lewis Schultz Against themselves</p>	<p>I am against HB23-1165. My wife Nancy and I have 15 acres and raise grass hay for horses. We have an over abundance of prairie dogs. The prairie dogs carry diseases and fleas and create a lot of damage to our field of grass hay.</p>

	<p>You cannot put livestock in a field where prairie dogs live. If a horse steps into a prairie dog hole/home they will likely break its leg and then the horse has to be killed as veterinarians cannot mend horse's broken legs.</p> <p>We are very definitely against HB23-1165.</p>
Harlan Archer Against themselves	<p>Allowing county officials and special districts to expand their authority to prohibit shooting on private property is an infringement on Coloradans right to keep and bear arms and to train with those arms.</p>
Mark Cucarola Against themselves	<p>I am completely against this proposed bill 23-1165. This bill is clearly a violation of the use of property rights as well as abridging our 2nd amendment rights. What purpose are you trying to serve by not allowing us to shoot firearms in private on our own piece of rural property ? This is a stupid solution in search of a made up problem -- all with an agenda to limit our 2nd amendment rights in any way possible. One of the reasons that we chose to live outside city limits and in rural areas is to pursue some of the hobbies and sports that we enjoy..... on our own land and to no one else's bother. You take away this right along with our property use rights with this idiotic bill. Do you not have other higher priority items to deal with - i.e. rising burglaries, car theft, homelessness and rising energy costs? These are the things that matter to us as citizens and not these misguided proposed policies like 1165. DO NOT VOTE FOR PASSAGE OF THIS BILL. I, LIKE MANY OF MY NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL VOTE AGAINST YOU IN THE NEXT ELECTION AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANY AND ALL EFFORT IN PREVENTING YOUR RE-ELECTION TO OFFICE!</p>
Glenn Massarotti Against themselves	<p>I vehemently oppose this bill further restricting our second amendment rights.</p> <p>Criminals, by definition, don't follow laws. Restricting the rights of law abiding citizens to practice their freedoms on their own land will do NOTHING to reduce crime.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
Rich Manzer Against themselves	<p>I purchased my property to be able to shoot my firearms safely and responsibly on my property. I did not buy property in the suburbs to do such, but in an incorporated Jeffco. My activities do not put anyone or property in harms way. I strongly, strongly suggest that this frivolous bill be voted down as it affects hunting (which is legal in my area) and responsible hunting and shooting of firearms in my mountain property. This over-reach by government substantially reduces my property value</p>

	<p>and I will be seeking legal recourse if such a measure would be approved. The bill is tailored for those that have no tolerance for activities that have occurred for generations of Coloradans that enjoy the ability to exercise lawful activities in their environment that is not encumbered by suburban restrictions and/or frivolous objections that have limited inconveniences, as well as, those who are opposed to the lawful harvesting of game animals. It places an undue burden on those that purchased property with the intentions on managing that property responsibly and respecting their neighbors' rights. Because they moved out of the suburbs to escape some of the blight that they experienced, does not mean that they have the right to impinge on the rights and traditions we have enjoyed by purchasing adjacent mountain property, and attempting to impose new restrictions upon us that they expected down in the city. It is two different animals, with two different expectations and challenges. Most of my neighbors expect, and I respectfully agree, if you don't care for the freedoms that you enjoy by living in a mountain community, please don't try to expect your neighbors to change. You should adapt to the different environment and respect the traditional practices that drew persons like myself to the area before you. If these practices are incongruent with your personal beliefs, maybe don't relocate here. It's why I don't live in downtown Manhattan.</p>
<p>Eric Jeffery Against themselves</p>	<p>Please vote AGAINST HB23-1165. There is no redeeming value in this bill. We shoot on our own property to stay skilled, for fun, and even to hunt where/as permitted. There is nothing this bill will do to reduce crime. It will simply reduce skill and raise costs for people that must now go to a range and pay for what was once no charge. Enough is enough with anti-gun law after law.</p> <p>Eric Jeffery Colorado Native East High Graduate</p>
<p>Tim Cannon Against themselves</p>	<p>Constitutional and property rights are a fundamental part of this country. This bill would violate both. Scrap this bill and help protect our freedom!</p>
<p>James Berta Against themselves</p>	<p>Please stop! We pay enough of our time and treasure without help from the Colorado legislature making life more difficult than it already is.</p> <p>Sincerely, James Berta</p>

<p>Phil Stuckwisch</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is another example of government overreach. Private property rights should not be infringed in an attempt to pacify a misguided segment of society. A government that places restrictions on law-abiding citizens while making excuses for law breakers is the type of government which mandates a strong 2nd Amendment.</p>
<p>Christine Beck</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Use this, do your own, or tweak!!!</p> <p>Send in now!!!!</p> <p>HB23-1165, which would allow county governments to prohibit shooting on private property, this could also infringe on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. Shooting on private property can be a safe and responsible way for gun owners to practice and enjoy their hobby. This proposed law could also be difficult to enforce and could lead to confusion over which areas are off-limits for shooting. It's worth considering alternative solutions, such as implementing safety guidelines and restrictions on shooting in certain areas rather than a blanket prohibition.</p> <p>Ultimately, any proposed gun legislation should be carefully considered with input from all stakeholders, including gun owners, law enforcement, and advocates for gun control. The goal should be to find a balance between public safety and individual rights, rather than hastily pushing through bills that could have unintended consequences.</p>
<p>ELIZABETH LEECH</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>As a senior citizen and a female my ability to protect myself from an intruder would be illegal. I count on my personal protective firearm for this purpose only. Please do not take this from me and others in the same position.</p>
<p>Michael Lidmila</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This law would infringe on my personal property rights. I doubt that any sheriff's office in the state would enforce this overreach.</p>
<p>Eric Fritsch</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>The only real effect of this bill will be to require citizens to pay to practice at a shooting range. This is just another step in restricting our 2nd amendment rights.</p>

<p>Sabrina Balister</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Although the changes made to this Bill are a small step in the right direction, this Bill is still clearly inappropriate, and still violates the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution. My question to the sponsors is "Why do you feel this Bill to be necessary?" Giving control of firearms usage to a local governing body is no different than a state governing body. What is about the phrase our Founders put in the 2nd Amendment, "shall not be infringed" do you not understand? They put that there as a strong wall of protection for all law abiding US citizens against those within and without our government that are constantly seeking power and control over the American people. The 2nd Amendment is the protector of all other Amendments and rights that our Founders enshrined in Constitutional law to uphold. They did not grant any rights. They ensured and upheld them. Our Founders knew well that government and other men cannot grant God given inalienable rights to other humans. I am taking this opportunity to publicly condemn all the Senate and House Democrats of this Legislative session of legislative malfeasance. Your conduct of introducing and passing harmful bills that have sought to take away the rights of Colorado residents and your steadfast support for a radical Leftist Republic killing agenda, has betrayed the trust of the people of this state. You were not sent to Denver to "transform" our state government into a force that no longer serves, but will enslave the citizens of this state. You have abused the legislative structure by overwhelming it with Bills that will use the force of state government to ensure the assault on our traditional culture and way of life. You all took an oath to office to support and defend the Colorado and US Constitutions. You have all violated your oaths to office. I watched you be sworn in. Few of you seemed to take the moment with the reverence required to take on such a responsibility. Proverbs 29, verse 2 states "When the righteous rule, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule the people groan." I have heard no rejoicing from the common folks of Colorado, only groaning. I long for the day when Coloradans can once again rejoice.</p>
<p>SCOTT OLIVER</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am a farmer and I own many acres of land; I have rodent problems that destroy my crops. The only legal way I have to protect my crops is to shoot them. And I am also a hunter and lease property to paying hunters which is a substantial income not only to the family but also to the DOW. Also, this proposal will cripple our food supply and decimate any farmers, Ranchers, outfitters, sporting goods stores, recreational shooters and others who will fall under it's jurisdiction.</p>
<p>MATTHEW FROHBIETER</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am a law-abiding, tax paying, CCW permit holding, full-time resident of Colorado. I grew up in a rural county and I was introduced to firearms and firearm safety at an early age (8 years old). My father taught me early on about the importance of proper firearm safety and the necessity of training in safe and responsible firearm use. The most important part of learning firearm safety was the ability to handle and discharge firearms under</p>

	<p>adequate supervision. For me, this was done on my parent's private property in rural Colorado, as we lived nearly an hour away from the nearest gun club, sport shooting club, or indoor gun range. If passed, HB23-1165 would restrict and repress the ability of law-abiding, responsible firearm owners that live in rural areas from participating in constitutionally protected activities and turns them into criminals. Passage of this bill would have a direct impact on me and my family's ability to maintain firearms training that would ensure safety and marksmanship skills. Anyone familiar with firearms knows that these skills are perishable over time, requiring regular training to maintain. My family still lives in rural Colorado with limited access to shooting clubs and gun ranges due to distance, and more recently, the increases to the prices of fuel. Passing this bill will impact my ability as a father to teach my children the important lessons that I learned so many years ago. I rely on my firearm and marksmanship skills to hunt and provide for my family, as well as to keep my family safe from dangerous or diseased wildlife (i.e. coyotes, snakes, badgers, prairie dogs). There are already ordinances and laws in the Colorado statues for prosecuting individuals that are reckless with firearms in these less-populated areas. As a concerned citizen, please do not restrict the constitutionally protected activities of your constituents. It is your job to help protect and defend our unalienable, God-given rights, not strip them from us.</p>
--	---

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
<p>Elaine McLaughlin</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>I'm a resident of Boulder County and I support House Bill 23-1165. This bill is of particular interest to me and my family given recent incidents. For background, we've lived in our quiet suburban county neighborhood for about 20 years. Many of our neighbors enjoy walking or bicycling here: there's parents strolling babies, kids on bikes, dog walkers and runners year around. We also have backyard barbecues and neighborhood ice cream truck socials in the summer. It is therefore disconcerting and unnerving to have had this peaceful setting interrupted by sudden and sustained gunfire that has begun to occur on a regular basis.</p> <p>In a recent example, on a Sunday morning, we were placed on alert by what initially sounded like knocks on our door. Outside, it was apparent that the bam, bam bam sound that was actually gunfire. That was followed by a number of loud booms and then a spattering of loud sustained automatic weapon gunfire. In total, this lasted around a 30 to 45 minutes. The overall impression was that of a battlefield, not a neighborhood, and the feeling of calm was replaced by a feeling of dread. The unknown person or persons discharging the weapons appeared to have had an arsenal and the questions in our minds were: is this an assault nearby? A mass shooting event? Should we call the sheriff? .... I contacted a neighbor who lives in the direction of the gunfire and she said that another neighbor had just called the sheriff and was told that that it was likely target practice and that there was nothing they could do about it given the current regulations. This has occurred now on multiple weekend mornings.</p> <p>Because of the our uncertainty of the location of the shooter, the inability for law enforcement to do anything about random gunfire and then the threat posed by either stray bullets or an unhinged person committing a crime, I support this bill to provide clarity in the law for greater safety in and around our neighborhoods. I urge you to approve this bill so that counties can determine the most appropriate location for target practice in specific locations and away from neighborhoods. It's logical and straightforward and allows individual counties to determine if this is right for their county.</p>
<p>Devin Wu</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>As a resident of Colorado and property owner, I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed restrictions on firearm discharges on privately owned land. While I understand the need to ensure public safety, I believe that these restrictions will not be effective in reducing accidents.</p>

	<p>Hunting and target shooting are popular recreational activities in Colorado, and many residents rely on private land to engage in these activities. Let that be trekking across their own privately owned land to hunt lawfully, or training with their firearms. The proposed restrictions would limit access to private land for these activities and deprive residents of their enjoyment of the outdoors.</p> <p>Next, I believe that there are other, more effective ways to ensure public safety without inhibiting law-abiding citizens. For example, enforcing existing discharge laws by local counties and increasing penalties for those who misuse firearms could be more effective in reducing gun violence than restricting firearm discharges on private land.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge the Colorado Senate throw out House Bill 23-1165, restrictions on firearm discharges on privately owned land/ unincorporated areas of a county. These restrictions would have a negative impact on rural residents, who often practice safely with their firearms on regular basis. We should focus on addressing firearm accidents through other means that do not infringe upon our rights and freedoms. These include having practical safety firearm training classes more available to public, more resources from the state to educate new gun owners, and making firearm training more available to gun owners.</p>
<p>Jeff Baker Against themselves</p>	<p>This proposed legislation is asinine! It is nothing short of severe government overreach, and an attempt at controlling what people choose to do on their own property. It also appears to me to that it is a backdoor approach to gun control.</p> <p>Our forefathers came here from England to escape tyranny. Why are you trying to reinvent tyranny on American soil and in the Great but quickly failing state of Colorado?</p> <p>Government does not belong in every action of every person in America.</p> <p>I will not support any actions that limit the liberties of American Citizens. This being said, I will never support politicians that are in favor of taking our freedoms, and will aggressively campaign against such.</p> <p>Jeff Baker</p>

<p>Daniel Russell</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This proposal is absurd - I am a property owner living in a rural environment and am careful and conscientious with firearms used on my property.</p> <p>There are already laws that govern should I damage another person or property by misuse of a firearm. Enforce those laws and this is a nonissue.</p> <p>What's next? If I don't like the sound of my neighbor's air conditioner running, are we going to ban those? This proposed legislation infringes on my rights as a United States Citizen and quite frankly is poorly thought out.</p>
<p>Ian Estis</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Living in rural areas most residents have several acres of land that they can easily and safely shoot firearms on. This will not increase safety and is an infringement on personal property rights. Why should people have to drive far and pay extra money to shoot at range if they can safely do so at home? All this bill does is harm the environment by forcing gun owners to drive to the range instead of shooting in their back yard causing them to travel many more miles and increase profits for gun ranges near rural areas!</p>
<p>Laura Jensen</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I urge you to OPPOSE this unconstitutional bill! Citizens should be free to safely discharge firearms on their own property. This bill is nothing but fearmongering and an encroachment on our Second Amendment rights.</p>
<p>TIMOTHY BUTLER</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>the decision to safely operate firearms on private property should be left to the owner of said property .</p>
<p>Calvin Mauger</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is just another example of government sticking their nose into the private lives of citizens. This bill can easily be abused by a democrat in a position of authority, like most of their bills. They could use this bill to prevent a private citizen from shooting or hunting on their own land. The wording of the bill makes it vague enough that cars, sheds, etc. could be counted as residential buildings and used to take away the rights of private property owners.</p> <p>It is sad that the so called "elite" have decided to create another age of aristocracy based on the European design. But we must band together. We must oppose any of our rights being taken away. We are CITIZENS, NOT SERFS!</p>
<p>Jonathan Witt</p> <p>Against</p>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>I write today to urge you to vote no on HB23-1165, which would remove exemptions for private landowners regarding county regulation and how they may use their private property. Counties currently have the power to regulate recreational shooting, and typically do for the summer months, “in an effort to mitigate fire danger”, often in ways that are burdensome and unnecessary. The change from 100 persons to 35 dwellings is a gross overreach that would subject many more landowners to these onerous restrictions, even if the dwellings are unoccupied. What is a dwelling? Is it any outbuilding? Is it a barn? Are the cattle occupants of said dwelling?</p> <p>This is an example of gross overreach by tone-deaf bureaucrats that serves to restrict the second amendment rights and general freedoms of rural private property owners, many of whom live and work on lands held for a hundred years or more.</p> <p>Please stop working to trample our rights.</p>
<p>Dennis Berg Against themselves</p>	<p>I grew up in rural colorado and one of my jobs on the farm was to deal with pests ad predators with a firearm. Also, my lifelong hobby has been target and competitive shooting. My shooting has never caused a problem for anyone and I value people on rural property being able to teach future generations firearm safety and respect.</p> <p>I respectfully ask you to vote against HB-1165</p> <p>Dennis Berg</p>
<p>Judith Berg Against themselves</p>	<p>As a Colorado native of 79 years I grew up in rural Colorado There has always been a tradition for rural children to learn firearm safety and use. I would like to know who is going to count buildings and people to determine where shooting can take place and where the money to pay them is going to come from. I can only imagine taxpayer funds paying for something totally unnecessary.</p> <p>The people of rural colorado should not have to pay for the concerns of urban people coming from freedom limiting states.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that you do not vote for HB23-1165</p> <p>Judith Berg</p>
<p>John Langley Against</p>	<p>As a Colorado resident, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB23-1165, a bill that allows counties the authority to ban shooting on private property within their jurisdiction.</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>I do not understand why you feel the need to dictate to citizens what they can and cannot do on their own property, if they can do it safely. There is already a law that prohibits shooting on private property if it cannot be done safely.</p> <p>Banning shooting on private property does nothing to promote public safety. The only real effect of this bill will be to force property owners who are currently safely shooting on their own property to find someplace else to shoot, like public lands, national forests, etc., where many non-shooters go to mountain bike, hike, camp, fish, etc. It sure looks like this bill would reduce public safety in our public lands.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
<p>Mark Rademacher Against themselves</p>	<p>You people need to leave law abiding citizens alone. Quit trying to run our lives and stop sticking your nose in everything we do. What I do on my own property is none of your business. This is just another infringement on my rights! I am against this bill 100%. Vote NO!</p>
<p>Alan Proctor Against themselves</p>	<p>hb23-1165</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to speak. I have 3 problems with this legislation and 2 better solutions.</p> <p>Problems:</p> <p>1). I live on 7.6 acres in rural Bailey. This law is an attempt to ban public outdoor gun ranges to prevent American's from exercising their right to practice firearm safety.</p> <p>2). You legislators took an oath to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States which includes the 2nd amendment. This proposed legislation does neither.</p> <p>3). This law will turn your gun owning mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, son, brother, father, and grandfather into either a felon overnight for</p>

	<p>practicing their constitutional right to practice self-defense on THEIR private land.</p> <p>Solutions:</p> <p>1). Let counties and neighborhoods manage their own land use issues. The state has no business in this matter.</p> <p>2). If you vote for and pass this legislation you need to resign for violating your oath of office.</p>
<p>Tom Nesbitt Against themselves</p>	<p>I have lived on my rural acreage for 42 years and have been able to enjoy recreational shooting over the years in complete safety, without disturbing neighbors. Urban encroachment should not be a reason that an individual should have to forfeit private property rights. We behave responsibly and safely and believe we should be allowed to continue our interests and activities without interference.</p>
<p>Michael Koenig Against themselves</p>	<p>This proposed bill does nothing to criminals or criminal activity. This is a waste if tax payers money. There are far more important issues we should be focused on.</p>
<p>Zachary Perrego Against themselves</p>	<p>As a lifelong Colorado resident, I do not approve of this bill. The ability for landowners to be able to safely exercise their 2nd amendment rights on their own land should not be up for infringement. If this bill passes, I will not be purchasing land in the state and will look elsewhere to a neighboring state instead.</p> <p>Best regards, Zachary Perrego</p>
<p>Ron Hunt Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill will allow County Commissioners have greater authority to dictate terms of private property use which is contrary to the rural lifestyle so many have sought. Additionally rural Coloradoans desiring a freer lifestyle will be at the mercy of formerly metropolitan Coloradoans.</p>

<p>Jesse Hall Against themselves</p>	<p>It comes to my knowledge that this bill does not solve the issues with gun violence. property owners have the right within the safety boundaries given to them to safely be able to execute a live-fire range. Given this, nobody would be able to get hurt. This doesn't solve this issues of gun violence, and hinders one ability to have recreational shoots teaching the basics of firearms safety with their own family and love ones. If we really want to stop gun violence, we need to look at mental health, and taking appointed DA accountable for soft on crime policy letting criminals go. Thank you.</p>
<p>Reedy LASH Against themselves</p>	<p>ONCE AGAIN the Colorado Democrats are showing they are only concerned with infringing on 2A rights any way they can. There has been the bill to raise the age to buy a firearm to 21, and to have a 3 day waiting period. These DO NOTHING to stop the epidemic of JUVENILE access to firearms, but that doesn't matter to you. Now you want to limit shooting on private property.</p> <p>When this session first began there was talk of making auto theft a felony with a few exceptions. I see NOTHING has happened on that issue. On Channel 7 last night, there was ANOTHER story about how CO has one, if not the highest rate of auto theft in the nation. I hope your proud of that national statistic. Why aren't the "elected officials" of the state doing something about this??? The private property legislation is ONLY AN INFRINGEMENT on 2A rights, and does nothing to address the gun violence crisis occurring in CO. This is all about control. DO SOMETHING POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE.</p>
<p>Justin Waltemeyer Against themselves</p>	<p>I oppose this legislation because I don't feel that the county needs this type of authority over land owners.</p>
<p>Jim Nichols Against themselves</p>	<p>Stop trying to infringe on our rights!!</p> <p>You are supposed to protect the constitution. It is your oath of office. Those who willingly pass laws that are unconstitutional should loose the privilege to serve the people ever again.</p>
<p>Keith Emerson Amend themselves</p>	<p>First and as an aside, it's rather amusing that the State is trying to devolve this firearm related authority to the counties at the same time the State is proposing to have zoning regulations made at the state rather than the local level.</p>

	<p>House Bill 23-1165 would allow counties to designate private property in unincorporated areas as no-discharge zones for firearms. The bill was driven during the House committee testimony by representatives of St Mary's, a small unincorporated community near St. Mary's (Glacier) northwest of Idaho Springs. Testimony indicated those lots were ¼ acre and homeowners were shooting on their property in an unsafe manner. As noted in the bill's summary, under existing law counties can already make pulling a trigger illegal in areas of a certain density where firearm discharge would endanger a person or property or where the projectile crosses a property line. St. Mary's certainly qualifies for density. The county and the head of the homeowner's association were apparently unaware of this existing option. Instead, relief has been sought from the state via this bill. Noise? People can already complain about that if it's a real problem.</p> <p>If the good people of St. Mary's can already petition their county for relief what do we have here? Another solution looking for a problem! It is an assault on private property owners being able to do what they want to do on their land without hurting anyone. This would be a redundant law and is not needed.</p> <p>If there is any benefit to this bill it is the clarification of the density requirement. If not killed today please at least amend to drop everything except that clarification.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Terry Manwaring Against himself</p>	<p>I am a retired law enforcement officer of 40 years from a major metro Denver agency. I purposely relocated and moved to my ranch so I could enjoy my hobby of recreational shooting with my family. I am adamantly opposed to any restrictions removing my rights to shoot on my ranch. I am surrounded by other ranches that also shoot on their property. The shooting is always safe and done during normal daylight hours.</p> <p>This bill is an infringement on my rights as a property owner and as a law-abiding citizen.</p> <p>Please DO NOT pass this bill!!</p>
<p>Danny Stephanic Against himself</p>	<p>Legislators i live 45 miles out from colorado springs on 40 acres. I have rattle snakes that migrate across my land and prairie dogs that carry the plague. They need to be shot when they become a danger to my wife and horses and dogs. Your parameters to this bill of 35 dwellings in a square mile all depends on how you place that square on a map, and how you</p>

	<p>define a dwelling. An rv trailer that someone is living in is not a dwelling. I also am a firearms enthusiast and practice with my arms on a out side range that stops all bullits from leaving my property. I am opposed to this bill. The cost alone for people out my way to drive into town and pay for range membership and range time and fuel would be enormous.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Dan Stephanic</p>
<p>Joseph Wilkey Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill like many others, retringing law abiding citizens from utilizing their constitutional rights. Will prove to ultimately be detrimental to Colorado. This once great state is turning into a police state. Please read and re read the constitution of the United States of America.</p> <p>Law abiding citizens discharge their firearms in a safe manner, following good gun safety. Should not be infringed on.</p>
<p>Jack Sosebee Against themselves</p>	<p>Thanks for your consideration. I urge you to reject this bill, which creates an unnecessary burden on private property owners and does nothing to increase public safety. It would subject people to political intrusion on their rights as property owners, but gives them no recourse or compensation for the taking of those rights. As written, the bill allows people who have no direct interest in the property to dictate what a property owner may do with their own property, and subjects them to unwarranted, politically biased harassment and intimidation. I have personally experienced a public "freak out" over legitimate, perfectly legal and safe hunting activities on private land, unrelated and unthreatening to residents of the local area. Giving county government the ability to apply politically based suppression of safe and legal activities simply because some people have an unreasoning phobia does not serve the public interest. Please put this bill in the "file 13" where it belongs. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>Charles Baker Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is not only a violation of the 2nd amendment, but is a violation of private property rights. People have the right to do what they want on the property which they pay for. It is in their ownership and control. Whether it is hunting, or training, or target shooting, people have the right to shoot on their property if zoning permits. Shooting on private property makes up no significant impact on shooting incidents, and no impact on crime. Stay out of our back yards.</p>
<p>Christopher Coghlan Against themselves</p>	<p>There are already provisions in place for when shooting endangers persons or property. This law is overreaching and encroaching on people's civil liberties and freedom. If you are concerned with nuisance complaints why don't you co-sponsor a bill that would repeal silencers from the NFA so free people didn't have to pay the government \$200 to go through a registration process and submit their forensic identification like a criminal would to be given permission to get their right to keep and bear arms. It</p>

	<p>disgust me that there is someone who is my "representative" taking away the freedoms that I would have on my own private property, in residences under circumstances that do not endanger persons or property. The fact that what you are doing is unconstitutional makes you more of a tyrant because you are taking away what you were sworn to protect. Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.</p>
<p>Robert Smith Against themselves</p>	<p>I am testifying in opposition to this bill. The core tenets of this bill are not consistent with the text history or tradition of firearms regulations, this is true at the state and federal level. County officials should not be granted the authority to restrict the second amendment rights of private property owners this is an egregious overreach by state level government officials.</p> <p>Thanks for your time,</p>
<p>Peter Haberkorn Against themselves</p>	<p>I am against HB23-1165 to my knowledge there is no evidence to show any significant risk to person or property from the safe use of fire arms on one own property.</p> <p>Arbitrarily stating a fire arm can not be discharged just because population density it to broad and frankly has no factual basis with keeping people safe.</p> <p>I doubt anyone supporting this bill could tell me how many foot pounds of energy is in a 40 grain 22 long rifle projectile at 100 yards or how far it could travel. There are many air rifles that can produce the same effects but because there is no bias against an air rifle its ok despite being capable delivering of the same or even higher level of energy.</p> <p>Line 26, 27 page 3 and line 1,2,3 on page 3 in rural areas shooting on your own land is the only way to stay proficient with fire arms and degrading and putting undue restrictions on individuals ability to train effectively puts more life's at risk than simply making an arbitrary rule based on population density per square mile.</p> <p>I find the continual political prejudice against tools and there owners to be intellectually insulting and a waste of everyone's time money and energy. The ignorance of some law makers on the subject of fire arms lead me to suspect bills such as HB23-1165 soul purpose is about political prestige or malicious intent towards individuals natural rights.</p>
<p>Collin Perryman Against themselves</p>	<p>The government has no right to tell anyone what they can or can not do on private property. You continue to overstep on power and continue to show the people that you do not respect them. I am strongly against this because it is blatantly apparent that you waste time coming up with ways to enact laws that do not matter and solve no issues. I am also strongly against this</p>

	<p>because it is very unclear why this is even being proposed? What purpose does this serve? Stop wasting our time and tax payer dollars on HB23-1165. We already do not have nearly enough safe areas open to the public to recreationally shoot and now you want us to give you the power to say we cant on private property? Absolutely not.</p>
<p>Erik Kreider Against themselves</p>	<p>It's the government's responsibility to recognize the greatest good for the greatest number of people. This bill infringes on the rights of the majority.</p> <p>Citizens who reside outside city limits in unincorporated areas of the counties do so because it affords us specific rights, one of which is firearms practice.</p> <p>This bill enables uninformed county legislators to impose regulation they have little understanding about fundamentally, and eliminates private property rights that our country was founded upon.</p> <p>Additionally, it will provoke lawsuits that waste vast amounts of taxpayer funds that are much better spent elsewhere, such as firearms safety training. Why aren't there bills the encourage firearms responsibility instead of prohibitions that are destined to fail? Please read up on the history of prohibition. It doesn't work, especially when it infringes on the rights people have enjoyed for generations.</p> <p>If both sides would just stop telling the other what to do, we'd have so much less political strife in this country and could focus on productive, instead of prohibitive legislation. It's kindergarten curricula.</p> <p>Please oppose this bill.</p>
<p>Tom Ramsland Against themselves</p>	<p>I strongly oppose this bill and ask that you do the same. Government has no right to regulate this for individuals on their private property. This bill also says "prohibits discharge" it never mentions if a firearm is discharged in a self defense situation. I see this being a major issue, unclear, and unnecessary. This is an anti-gun bill trying to disguise itself as a "health" bill. This is yet another example of government overreach. You democrat politicians need to stay out of our business. You work for us.</p>

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
<p>Mark Kaiser</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>NO. ON. HB23=1165</p> <p>What happens on a private owners property is their business. There is a current law in place to allow commissioners to make it illegal to discharge a firearm if the area has an average population of 100 people or more per square mile. Teller CountyCommissioners have spoken out against this bill because they fear it would interfere with residents right to self defense. Remember, law enforcement in some rural areas maybe 30 minutes away.</p> <p>And I quote from Rep Ty Winter. "People are moving to rural areas, but when they come, they do not adhere to our way of living, and they want to change the way we have been living and surviving for 100 years. "Gunshots are nothing new to rural Colorado". And those who have been living in rural Colorado are some of the most law abiding citizens in Colorado and are also the most cognizant of gun safety and where guns can be fired.</p> <p>And I am going to quote Rep Ken DeGraff. " A simple solution is that people from the nanny state of Boulder and Denver should stay where they are."</p> <p>These people say " I am out of this crap hole, Boulder, Denver and other far left communities. They look at at rural community and say that will be a nice place to live. But then they bring with them the same ideals and agendas that made them want to move somewhere else. But upon their arrival, they expect the rural residents to adopt the same stringent rules, taxes and fees from which the immigrants were escaping from.</p> <p>This is just another example of the tyranny of the majority over common sense , the way of life in a rural setting but yet the new immigrants wanting to dictate their private agendas and exert their controls over everyone else.</p>
<p>Steve Bonser</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This is yet another government over reach. So now some government bureacrat tells private property owners what they can and cannot do on their own property. This is ridiculous and should be stopped.</p>
<p>Michael Gaeta</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>This is more massive government overreach that has nothing to do with public safety. Virtue signaling, maybe, but with no actual benefit. It is clear that the current legislature seeks to regulate every moment and aspect of every citizen's life, and this bad bill is an example of that. If there's a noise issue between neighbors, they can work it out, with the Sherriff's help if needed. Wasting local resources trying to enforce this nonsense would be truly wasteful. I wonder how many citizens actually asked for this terrible bill, and how many others were asked if it was a good idea. More</p>

	<p>government waste and excessive, needless legislation. This is part of why migration into Colorado has been decreasing every year since 2018. People don't want to live in California-like states where an overbearing, power-mad government intrudes more and more each year into their lives.</p>
<p>Rebecca Kinder Against themselves</p>	<p>HB 1165 will cost taxpayers millions to defend before being struck down. It is poorly constructed, aimed not at safety, but as a direct infringement on the second amendment rights of law abiding citizens. Laws already on the books already exist to penalize careless use of firearms. Local enforcement has the tools they need.</p> <p>Instead of making the Colorado State Government look as if it is serving the people, it will appear to be politically/financially serving its own constituents.</p> <p>Passing it from committee will not benefit Coloradans.</p>
<p>John Maxwell Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is a serious overreach of the Colorado legislature again getting involved in something that doesn't need fixing. The system that is currently in place throughout our many counties has worked for many years. If the Denver liberal legislature would stop trying to meddle in rural community politics and leave it to the locals. it would be a much better plan. The restrictions on "Dwellings" is too open and allows for cars, tents, lean-to's, barns to be counted as dwellings and inappropriately restrict the ability to shoot on truly rural lands. Keep your fingers off of things that you don't understand and try fixing things that are truly broken.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Veronika Crabb Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is another overreach of the Colorado government trying to solve a perceived problem that isn't a problem. Our county regulations work just fine to stop firearm discharge and restrict where we can shoot.. If the Denver liberal legislature would stop trying to fix rural politics and leave it to the local folks that actually get it, it would be a much better plan. The bill as written with restrictions on dwellings is far too "liberal" and allows for anything that can be lived in to be counted as dwellings and inappropriately restrict the ability to shoot on OUR rural lands. Keep your fingers off of things that you don't understand and never will understand.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Andy Stuckwisch Against themselves</p>	<p>I am opposed to this unconstitutional bill. This is a grave governmental overreach of private property rights and the 2nd amendment. A well regulated militia needs to be well trained.</p>

<p>Amanda Abel Against themselves</p>	<p>I am against any bill that goes against my gun rights in our US Admendment # 2 where our govenment is trying to take away our right to bear arms!!!</p>
<p>Sean Langlais Against themselves</p>	<p>I am opposed to HB23-1165 or allowing individual counties to prohibit the discharge of a firearm on personal property. As long as the owner of the property maintains the highest safety standards (e.g. a backstop) and minimum distances from neighbors, the government should not interfere with a citizen's second amendment rights. Returning control to the counties allows smaller governments to trample a citizen's rights. The job of government at every level is to maintain and restore rights to citizens, not restrict their rights. I have yet to see any evidence of negative consequences to the law as it stands, why change it?</p>
<p>JEANY RUSH Against themselves</p>	<p>Re: HB23-1165 May 4, 2023  To: Senate Local Government &amp; Housing Committee From: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs  As I write my response to this bill, which I am AGAINST, I am reminded that this session, has already brought forth over 670 bills. Further, I am reminded that I do not have to accept any of this with a politically correct, or "Nice" heart. It cannot have escaped you all, that you, in fact WORK FOR US, WE THE PEOPLE. It further cannot have escaped you that the majority of us expected you to serve us as per your Oaths of Office: To Defend and Protect us, the people who temporarily hired you. That does not include commerce and trade, personal health, both physical and mental, property, nor most of the subjects of these OVERREACHING BILLS, about our freedoms, and rights given under our constitution. It is further obvious that you all have not written these, hundreds of pages, of bills yourselves, but rather lobbyists or DC or other overreaching entities have done that. People bought properties in good faith with specific expectations, which you are now taking upon yourselves to alter, and most of the time, without our Informed Consent. You are turning America, and Colorado into a gulag' and worse, you have usurped our rights as property owners. The majority of these bills have overstepped your legal rights to impact us and by the constitutional rights we each have a right to enjoy. Please stop doing this to us. Sincerely, Jeany Rush</p>

<p>Paul Skinger</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I respectfully request that this bill be killed in committee. While the stated purpose may be safety, the actual purpose as we all know is to further infringe on, and emasculate, our firearm rights. This is another attempt at legislative/bureaucratic overreach. This will do nothing for safety while increasing restrictions, in direct conflict with the intent of both the U.S. and Colorado constitutions.</p> <p>This bill must die in committee.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Matthew Frohbieter</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am a law-abiding, tax-paying, CCW permit holding, avid outdoorsman, hunter, full-time Colorado resident and proud Colorado Native. I was raised in a rural Colorado county with limited access to any gun range (private or public), shooting clubs, or indoor gun ranges. My father ensured that my brother and I both had a thorough education in firearm safety, marksmanship and firearm maintenance from an early age (8 years old). Because we lived so far from any kind of "official" range, we learned how to handle and shoot firearms safely on my parents' property. Now that I am older and a father myself, I look forward to teaching my children the same lessons that I grew up with. My family still lives in rural Colorado, about 45 minute drive away from the nearest gun range. Being able to safely and lawfully discharge firearms on my private property is crucial to maintaining standards of marksmanship and firearm familiarity. Both of which, as anyone familiar with firearms well knows, are essential for safe firearms use. If passed HB23-1165 would strictly limit me and my family's ability to adequately practice marksmanship, firearm handling and safety on my own property (based on current census data collected for my census tract). As a hunter, being able to practice shooting at varying distances and in variable conditions is important to be successful in the backcountry. This practice is often performed in rural areas. For me, hunting is much more than sport, it is a necessary source of sustenance for my family and a duty that citizens have to help manage wildlife populations. HB23-1165 as written would put restrictions on rural, law abiding, Colorado residents.</p>
<p>Laura Jensen</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I urge you to OPPOSE this unconstitutional bill! This bill does nothing to prevent crime or accidents but violates the Second Amendment and property rights. The right to keep and BEAR arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. This right is not limited to an arbitrary number of residences, and this bill does nothing but encroach on our freedoms.</p>
<p>William Hollenbeck</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I have been following this bill since it was first presented in house committee. Congresswoman Amabile's opening statement was "People are moving to the country from the city for peace and quiet. And well they are just not getting that". Truth is most of us live in the country for a variety of reasons. Country life/ city life. They both afford you options that the other does not. But someone moving from LA, Seattle, or Denver moves to the</p>

	<p>country then place demands on what their neighbors can or can't do with their property is absurd. Now it is shooting, what is next? Tractors and field work after 7pm? Or livestock due to sounds and smells? This is all part of country life.</p> <p>I listened to house testimony from people pushing this bill to stop their neighbors. Testimony heavy in emotion and fluff, very light on facts. Claims of dangerous shooting, illegal/restricted firearms, no backstops, etc. Claiming there are no laws to stop this. If the offenders were truly doing something illegal or dangerous, they are responsible for every round fired. If they are shooting across roads, if they are shooting full auto weapons, there are laws. If they were truly reckless and dangerous, law enforcement already has the tools.</p> <p>If noise is truly the issue. Why doesn't the house and senate come together and loosen restrictions on gun mufflers (suppressors). This seems like a much better idea than messing with people's personal property and second amendment rights!</p> <p>Do I have a personal concern about this bill? ABSOLUTELY!!! I grew up in rural Colorado. Our family ranch has always had a safe shooting range and a plethora of hunting opportunities. I now shoot competitively for fun. A few years ago we spent several thousand dollars building berms and backstops for a training range. Personal use only NOT commercial. This is on the same property we have shot on for over 50 years. Now we have one neighbor that calls. We try to be neighborly and use the range when they are at work. But now they are talking about subdividing their field, adding more people. None of these new houses will be at risk from our range. But "oh the noise" I am sure is not far down the road.</p> <p>In conclusion I STAND FIRMLY AGAINST THIS BILL and all the problems it will bring in the future!!! The trampling of peoples right to use their property they own and pay taxes on. To the trampling of our second amendment rights. And to the trampling of what it truly means to live in rural Colorado!!!</p>
<p>Mike Stern Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill infringes upon the rights of an individual to do what is constitutionally protected. The state has no business regulating what a person does on their own property. Shooting a gun can be dangerous just as driving a car, operating a lawn mower, cutting meat with a knife. Will you begin to regulate what happens in my kitchen too? Moreover, the</p>

	<p>state has no right to infringe upon my rights to own and use a gun as I see fit--especially if I take the necessary precautions to ensure safety.</p> <p>Why do you want to make such a law? "Safety" is always the excuse for tyrants.</p>
<p>Glenn Massarotti Against themselves</p>	<p>I vehemently oppose this measure. This is an unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of our rights that serves no useful purpose.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>Will Hogrefe Against themselves</p>	<p>What problem is this trying to fix and how will it "keep me safe?" Aren't there more pressing needs for our tax dollars to address, not to mention time spent on nuisance calls by Law Enforcement that could be better used elsewhere? I just don't see the point of this - if someone commits an unsafe act that results in an injury or damage we have laws on the books addressing those results.</p> <p>respectfully, W.Hogrefe</p>
<p>James Ernandes Against themselves</p>	<p>Please stop interfering with what people do on their own land.</p>



Re: Written testimony to fight the tyrants for the most recent one hopefully it isnt too late  
Purple Haze to: LCS Committees 04/26/2023 04:38 PM

It was for the ban on shooting on private property

On Wed, Apr 26, 2023, 3:13 PM LCS Committees <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)> wrote:

Hi Maxwell - Can you let me know which bill you want to submit this testimony on? As you know, the assault weapons ban was killed, and is no longer pending before the legislature.

Thanks,  
Elizabeth

From: "Purple Haze" <[maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com)>  
To: "LCS Committees" <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>  
Date: 04/25/2023 06:10 PM  
Subject: Re: Written testimony to fight the tyrants for the most recent one hopefully it isnt too late

---

My name is Maxwell Hayes a citizen of the Free United States of America. It appears the tyrants of george soros pocket book, have found a new way to instill their tyranny. This by telling people what they can do on private property. Key words here private property so the tyrants need to keep out. But the tyrants do not care all power hungry tyrants really care about 8s power and control, they couldnt take our guns so now they try and exert their authority and tell people what they can do on their property. Sadly this ignorant law will not stop criminals from discharging firearms on private property. But alas moron politicians dont care about intelligence they sell them selves out for money, and power.

On Mon, Apr 17, 2023, 10:40 AM LCS Committees< [committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>wrote:  
Yes, that's the bill. Okay, got it, thanks.

From: "Purple Haze" <[maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com)>  
To: "LCS Committees" <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>  
Date: 04/17/2023 09:23 AM  
Subject: Re: Written testimony to fight the tyrants

---

If thats the assault weapons ban thats in the 19th yes

On Mon, Apr 17, 2023, 7:56 AM LCS Committees <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>wrote:  
Hi - Is this for HB 1230?

Thanks  
Elizabeth

From: "Purple Haze" <[maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com)>  
 To: "LCS Committees" <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>  
 Date: 04/15/2023 11:00 AM  
 Subject: Written testimony to fight the tyrants

---

My name is Maxwell Hayes a citizen of the FREE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The United States of America that obeys the constitution of the United States of America.

Yall are politicians of the Tyranical Communist government of Geroge Soros. The true enemy to the American people for your the only government actively involved in stripping Americans of their rights. Make no mistake yall are tyrants and failures for sure. How I know you are all failures, because you have to make laws on top of laws. When you have to make laws on top of laws you are actually admitting your laws do no good at all.

For example murder is illegal yet that law fails so murder with a knife has to be illegal, which is a failed law because murder with poison has to be outlawed. Why because the original law of murder is illegal doesnt stop murder. In fact only politicians think laws stop crime which is a logical fallysy for sure.

Saying rape is illegal and strapping consequences to it has never stopped a single case of rape. In fact the tyranical government uses drug addiction as a way to strip Americans of their freedom fighter given rights. This is why the tyranical government does nothing to enforce anti drug laws. Why should they when Americans become addicted to drugs the tyrants outlaw (and part of punishment is stripping of rights), but allow the flow of drugs into the country( because drug use can be used to strip peoppe of their rights). The American citizen then gives up thier freedom fighter given rights for an addiction the tyrants outlawed, and failed to stop the flow of. Becuase power comes from stripping Americans of their freedom fighter given rights.

The government doesnt even obey its own laws. For example It was the ATF that allowed thousands of guns to go across the souther boarder to supply mexican drug cartels with the fire power needed to win a cartel war during the Fast and Furious Operation which cost the life of an American boarder agent who was killed by a rifle purchased by a member of the american military and sent to mexico by the atf. Such a corrupt tyranical government

Its the government that does not obey the laws of international sovertiy and leaves the mexican boarder wide open so the drugs and human trafficking can go unapided. It is also the colorado politican that helped with the drug smuggling, and human trafficking by allowing these people access to colorado roads, ans resources.

I mean it is the Government that stealing billions of tax payer dollars to arm the most corrupt nation to fight a war for no reason other then buracrsts in Nato want world domination. I mean if disarming is the answer to end violence lets DIS ARM URAINE.

The so called president of the united states was found with thousands of classified documnets in his garage, yet there are laws against posseing said classified documents so that law is broken by the highest level government, and is anyrhing going to be done. NOPE.

How many times has a cop gone by a person on I25 at 90mph for no reson at all, or used thier lights just to run a red light. Even the cops cant obey the laws, but yall want to make more laws that do nothing but increase your wallet size and tyranny.

Yall call cops heros because they deal with criminals, yet ignor the fact that citizens deal with the same criminals the government fails to stop on a daily basis.

I mean it is george soros appointed DA that fail to prosecute and charge the criminals. Yet the

citizen isnt allowed to be armed and defend themselves from said criminals only cops can be armed the enforcer of tyranical geroge soros laws. I mean really who do you think the victems to these criminals are. The victems are not cops, politicians, or celebrities. The victems are the people you wish to terrorize for your own fincial gain, and false sense of power. Thats why you disarm people and make them victems so they can be in fear, and the mighty government will protect the citizen from the crimes the government allows.

Gangs have been illegal my entire life yet not a single gang has been removed from society. In fact more gangs exist then ever before. MS13 started in American prisions. (Most likly by a corrupt politician to keep the drug flow going), and the government is unable to stop them at any level. Its just amazing that everything that is illegal in America actaully exist a million times over, and the government is completly unable to enforce any laws. All the governemnt can do is convict affter the fact. In other words the Tyranical Government of George Soros is a pathtic failure. What good are laws if they do nothing?

Drugs have been illegal my entire life, yet my dad was a drug addict until he died 5 years ago of a drug overdose. Not a single antidrug law saved my dads life, because yall are tyrants and failures for sure. Not a single antidrug law spared my childhood the fear of living in American poverty, brought to you by tyranical politicians that pass laws only to imporve their wealth.

The government that is anti America is the American government. The American government is the only government activly stripping Americans of their rights and freedoms, and the American government is the only government willing to kill Americans in wars of mass murder.

If removing firearms was the answer to gun crime, then we need to dis arm our cops. Because if cops dont have guns then the criminals wont shoot at them. (Got to love logical falley)If disarming is the answer to crime then we need to dis arm the miliitary and declar America a gun free nation, and no nation will dare invade out land of peace. This would also remove millions of dollars from the DOJ, and , DOD, that we could use for education and planting trees. Raytheon and lockheed martin dont need billions of dollars if we disarm because no one will ever attack a nation that has no military. The government likes to claim if they lead the people will follow, so i say we disarm politicians, cops, military, celbrities, and the Nation first. If you beleive giving up guns is the answer then you give up your security first. Lead by example or pass a tyranical law.

On Mon, Mar 6, 2023, 3:48 PM LCS Committees <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>wrote:  
Yes, you can still submit written testimony either through the link I provided, or by replying to this email.

Thanks,  
Elizabeth

From: "Purple Haze" <[maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com)>  
To: "LCS Committees" <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>  
Date: 03/06/2023 03:34 PM  
Subject: Re: Testifying refustration link is broken

---

Hb23-1219 is it still possible to do a written testimoney

On Mon, Mar 6, 2023, 2:11 PM LCS Committees <[committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)>wrote:  
Hi -

The link to register is here: [leg.colorado.gov/testimony](https://leg.colorado.gov/testimony)

If you tell me which committee/bill you are trying to register for, I can assist you further.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Burger  
Legislative Council Staff

From: "Purple Haze" <[maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellwolfgang151@gmail.com)>  
To: [committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov)  
Date: 03/06/2023 11:41 AM  
Subject: Testifying refustration link is broken

---

Im trying to register to testify but the lonk is broken on purpose im sure

\*The Colorado General Assembly has moved to a new email domain. Please replace [@state.co.us](mailto:@state.co.us) with [@coleg.gov](mailto:@coleg.gov) in your address book.\*

\*The Colorado General Assembly has moved to a new email domain. Please replace [@state.co.us](mailto:@state.co.us) with [@coleg.gov](mailto:@coleg.gov) in your address book.\*

\*The Colorado General Assembly has moved to a new email domain. Please replace [@state.co.us](mailto:@state.co.us) with [@coleg.gov](mailto:@coleg.gov) in your address book.\*

\*The Colorado General Assembly has moved to a new email domain. Please replace [@state.co.us](mailto:@state.co.us) with [@coleg.gov](mailto:@coleg.gov) in your address book.\*

\*The Colorado General Assembly has moved to a new email domain. Please replace [@state.co.us](mailto:@state.co.us) with [@coleg.gov](mailto:@coleg.gov) in your address book.\*

Written Testimony  
2023-05-02 Senate Local Gov't & Housing Committee  
HB23-1165: Private Property Shooting Restrictions

My name is John Ansted and I've lived in JeffCo, since 1977 - coming from Michigan to attend graduate school in Golden. I loved the Colorado lifestyle and made Colorado my home.

I embraced Colorado not only for its beauty and opportunities, but because I cherished the western way of life - the freedom and friendliness I saw at that time. People's desire to love and help one another, while not controlling each other. The ability to pursue one's life as one saw fit within the rule of basic but minimal laws, without forcing their beliefs on one another. Western values. Freedom. Liberty.

When I was a young man beginning my career as an exploration geologist, I routinely carried firearms for self defense. Mostly for protection from animals, yet in some cases from humans. Had I not had the opportunity to own and become proficient with those weapons, I would have been at increased risk a number of times without having adequate protection and deterrent from harm.

Sadly, our legislature no longer seems to embrace those western values. Despite the passage of more and more laws decreasing citizens' liberty, crime is still increasing.

Specifically to the bill before you, asking to take more freedom and liberty from Coloradans. This time, from all rural Coloradans desiring a place to practice or simply enjoy shooting. These are citizens and property owners who vote and are expected to defend our state and country, if needed. We all need practice to maintain or hone our shooting skills, and the end results from practice are safer gun owners. This bill would particularly harm the least among us by making it harder and more expensive to practice.

Yet through this bill, this body is planning to allow illegal takings by depriving rural property owners the ability to use their land as they desire. Other means are already available to stop/prosecute anyone who endangers another citizen by any means. Our state and federal constitutions as originally written never considered such limitations on citizens' property and in fact, included constitutional protections against such an illegal taking of citizens' property.

This bill hopes to fix a problem that does not exist nor is related to safe shooting, but instead to allow a tiny few to control other citizens' property.

I most strongly urge this committee to consider their law-abiding constituents' liberty, their right to own and safely use their property, the constitutions of Colorado and America, the meaning of "shall not be infringed", recent confirmations of our liberty by SCOTUS, and vote NO on this bill.

Thank you.

John Ansted  
Jefferson County

20230502 HB 23-1165 Testimony Before the House Transportation Committee

My name is Keith Emerson and I am here representing myself.

First and as an aside, it's rather amusing that the State is trying to devolve this firearm related authority to the counties at the same time the State is proposing to have zoning regulations made at the state rather than the local level.

House Bill 23-1165 would allow counties to designate private property in unincorporated areas as no-discharge zones for firearms. The bill was driven during the House committee testimony by representatives of St. Mary's, a small unincorporated community near St. Mary's (ex-Glacier) northwest of Idaho Springs. Testimony indicated those lots were ¼ acre and homeowners were shooting on their property in an unsafe manner. As noted in the bill's summary, under existing law counties can already make pulling a trigger illegal in areas of a certain density where firearm discharge would endanger a person or property or where the projectile crosses a property line. St. Mary's certainly qualifies for density. The county and the head of the homeowner's association were apparently unaware of this existing option. Instead, relief has been sought from the state via this bill. Noise? People can already complain about that if it's a real problem.

If the good people of St. Mary's can already petition their county for relief what do we have here? Another solution looking for a problem! It is an assault on private property owners being able to do what they want to do on their land without hurting anyone. This would be a redundant law and is not needed.

If there is any benefit to this bill it is the clarification of the density requirement. If not killed today please at least amend to drop everything except that clarification.

Thank you.



---

**Written Testimony of Kristie Tertel**  
**National Director of Legislative Policy, The Heller Foundation**

**Senate Local Government and Housing Committee (CO)**

**Opposition to HB 23-1165: County Authority To Prohibit Firearms Discharge, Amended**

April 24, 2023

Dear Honorable Madam Chairman and ranking members of the Senate Local Government and Housing Committee-

My name is Kristie Tertel and I am the National Director of Legislative Policy at The Heller Foundation. I have included my non-profit organization's written testimony in OPPOSITION to HB23-1165, as amended. The Heller Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that leads both Colorado and the nation in advocating for our God-given, Constitutionally-entrenched right to bear arms and self-defense. The Second Amendment is a human right. Our tireless work leads the way to setting binding precedent through lawsuits and advocacy for Coloradans and their families. In addition, 2023 marks our 15<sup>th</sup> year in advancing policy measures to help close the gap between legal and lived equality for all residents of Colorado- and beyond. The Heller Foundation's ground-breaking work and track record of success proves we have also re-invested time and resources tirelessly throughout the state simply because our organization understands the great importance of adequate, effective representation- not only throughout Colorado; but, across the entire country.

As both a domestic violence and violent crime survivor, I am demanding that the Colorado legislature take accountability for putting women's lives at risk due to the recent introduction of HB23-1165, as

amended. This bill, if passed, illegally and unconstitutionally bars discharging weapons on private property and creates local counties the unchecked power to do so. Crime victims and women need access to private shooting ranges in order to practice with their tool- the great equalizer- a firearm.



Had I been armed and trained, all of this would have been PREVENTED.

Proponents of this anti-woman bill simply don't care about the lives of the average Colorado resident. Passing HB23-1165 disenfranchises a woman's human right to self defense by prohibiting practicing its otherwise lawful exercise on privately owned property. Private land owners have the exclusive right to the use and enjoyment of their land and further government infringements on private property rights afforded to land owners is another prime example of the increasingly burdensome government overreach throughout the state of Colorado.

Additionally, *The Heller Foundation* **OPPOSES** HB23-1165, as amended, because the only real effect requires law-abiding Coloradans pay to practice at a shooting range, as opposed to practicing on their own private property entirely *for free*. Passage of this bill is immoral, unethical and discriminatory as it targets stereotypically disenfranchised members of the community- citizens with lower socio-economic status who cannot afford the cost of renting a lane and travel expenses associated with shooting practice at a shooting range, people with physical disabilities unable to drive to a shooting range, residents who live in counties and urban areas- whom a majority of which are women, minorities- without public transportation or direct access to a shooting range due to the lack of ranges in cities, and- perhaps most importantly- the LBGQTQ+ community who would not be comfortable practicing shooting in public at shooting ranges in fear of further attacks and discrimination.

*Prima facie*, HB23- 1165 also unconstitutionally lifts the state preemption that prohibits a county from passing local ordinances prohibiting shooting on both private property and unincorporated parts of the

county. It creates 100% discretionary power of county officials to disenfranchise every single American's God-given, Constitutionally entrenched human right to self defense through unchecked regulation. If passed, the already understaffed, underfunded state government resources would be hyper-focused on defending a plethora of lawsuits from not only *The Heller Foundation*, but also the *National Rifle Association*, *Gun Owners of America*, *Firearms Policy Coalition* and *Rock Mountain Gun Owners*. Both national and state pro-freedom organizations are united in OPPOSITION to HB23-1165 and will be expending legal resources immediately, if passed, as this is a gross violation of human rights to residents of Colorado- and Americans.

Under HB 1165, as amended, the definition of a 'designated area' would be 35 dwellings per square mile, as opposed to current law defining said 'designated area' as 'areas with at least 100 residents per square mile.' The breadth and depth population density in counties throughout the state of Colorado are extremely diverse in both population size and geographical mass. An outright 'state' ban in HB1165, as amended, discriminates against all counties that do not match the 'average' used in determining what qualifies as a 'designated area'.

Consequently, *The Heller Foundation* demands all members of the Senate and Senate Local Government and Housing Committee to vote- 'NO'- -i.e. AGAINST - on Colorado HB23-1165, as amended.

Thank you in advance for any and all consideration on this imminent public policy and Constitutional matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kristie J. Tertel*

Kristie J. Tertel

National Director of Legislative Policy,

The Heller Foundation

Re: HB 23-1165 (County authority to prohibit firearm discharge)

In Colorado it is already very difficult to find rural areas in which shooting is allowed and there is no justification to restrict it further. There have been no accidents or injuries that would be eliminated from this proposal.

I live in a rural area which may be subject to this bill and can easily shoot with zero danger to nearby residents. Some of our houses are about 50 to 100 yards apart. Most people have no problem with shooting in rural areas, as has been common for generations.

Regular shooting is necessary to maintain proficiency for defense of self and others against violent criminals, introduce children to shooting as I was 60 years ago, and simply shoot because it is an enjoyable, safe, and beneficial family activity.

This bill is another example of the constant effort to infringe on the only "right" which "shall not be infringed," in any and every way imaginable. It matters not whether such a law would benefit anyone or not, except the rare person who finds the sound objectionable, or more likely, wants to ban all guns and shooting.

Sincerely,

David Hiney  
40072 Wood Court  
Paonia, Co. 81428



HB 23-1165 commentify914 to: committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov 04/25/2023 10:56 AM

Re: HB 23-1165 (County authority to prohibit firearm discharge)

In Colorado it is already very difficult to find rural areas in which shooting is allowed and there is no justification to restrict it further. There have been no accidents or injuries that would be eliminated from this proposal.

I live in a rural area which may be subject to this bill and can easily shoot with zero danger to nearby residents. Some of our houses are about 50 to 100 yards apart. In 2021 one resident in the HOA proposed a ban on shooting, the first in over 20 years. The vote failed. Most people have no problem with shooting in rural areas, as has been common for generations.

Regular shooting is necessary to maintain proficiency for defense of self and others against violent criminals, introduce young people to shooting, and simply shoot because it is an enjoyable, safe, and beneficial family activity.

This bill is another example of the constant effort to infringe on rights which "shall not be infringed," in any and every way imaginable, whether such a law would benefit anyone or not, except the rare person who finds the sound objectionable, or more likely, wants all guns and shooting banned.

Sincerely,

David Hiney  
40072 Wood Court  
Paonia, Co. 81428  
Phone 970 361 1293



HB23-1165 Doug Prato to: committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov 04/24/2023 04:26 PM Please respond to "Doug Prato"

I have no idea how you see the issues behind this bill that justifies anything this ridiculous beyond demonstrating your desire for power and control. You need to understand that the public's patience is not infinite and that eventually all this dictatorial nonsensical legislation which is a waste of the taxpayer's money will simply not be tolerated. You are supposed to be representing the people of Colorado and I hardly think this issue makes one iota of sense to the vast majority. It's about time you folks started using some common sense and logic when you propose legislation that is not in violation of both the Colorado and US Constitution. This is not a societal safety issue or major problem and its about time you stop punishing law abiding citizens for the errant behavior of a few people.

Perhaps you should spend more time on crime and violence, fentanyl use, supporting our police, illegal immigration and cleaning up Denver which like other blue cities is turning into a garbage heap. Its time to start doing something meaningful for Colorado instead of trying to obey the National Narrative of destroying these United States.

**Testimony in Opposition to HB23-1165, County Commissioners' Authority to  
Prohibit Firearms Discharge  
The Firearms Coalition of Colorado**

Chair and Committee,

I am Robert Edmiston with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado, an all-volunteer NRA-affiliate that defends public safety and individual rights. I am a former US Army Officer. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to HB23-1165, because we believe that the bill interferes with a landowner's ability to use and enjoy his or her real property. HB23-1165 does not specify how the square mile region is to be calculated. Is it from the edge of the landowner's property, or the center of the landowner's property?

The definition of a dwelling in the bill seems to stipulate that one 35-unit apartment building a mile away from the property of the landowner in question could be enough to trigger the prohibition on the discharge of a firearm. This seems unreasonable.

The following section on page 4 of the amended bill also presents problems.

(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE 5 REQUIRES, "DWELLING" MEANS A STRUCTURE THAT IS USED, INTENDED TO 6 BE USED, OR USUALLY USED BY A PERSON FOR HABITATION, WHETHER OR 7 NOT THE STRUCTURE IS ATTACHED TO REAL PROPERTY.FOR THE PURPOSES 8 OF THIS SECTION, EACH INDIVIDUAL UNIT THAT PROVIDES COMPLETE 9 INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES FOR ONE OR MORE PERSONS, SUCH AS AN 10 INDIVIDUAL APARTMENT, CONDOMINIUM, MOBILE HOME, OR TRAILER, IS A 11 SEPARATE DWELLING.

A great many rural properties have recreational trailers or mobile homes stored outside. It appears to be the intention of the bill to count these vehicles as "dwellings," since they are "...intended to be used by a person for habitation..." Doing so could potentially reduce by half, or more, the number of properties required to invoke the discharge ban. We believe this issue needs to be clarified, as does the question of abandoned vehicles on a rural property. Accuracy in counting would seem to require an interview with each property owner, not just an aerial survey of mobile homes or trailers.

Finally, we believe the bill is unnecessary, because the State Legislature has already given County Commissioners the power to pass regulations more restrictive than state laws concerning firearms.

We urge a "No" vote on this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Edmiston

Volunteer Lobbyist

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado

PO Box1454, Englewood, CO 80150-0454

Written Testimony  
2023-05-04 Senate Local Gov't & Housing Committee  
HB23-1165: Private Property Shooting Restrictions

My name is John Ansted and I've lived in JeffCo, since 1977 - coming from Michigan to attend graduate school in Golden. I loved the Colorado lifestyle and made Colorado my home.

I embraced Colorado not only for its beauty and opportunities, but because I cherished the western way of life - the freedom and friendliness I saw at that time. People's desire to love and help one another, while not controlling each other. The ability to pursue one's life as one saw fit within the rule of basic but minimal laws, without forcing their beliefs on one another. Western values. Freedom. Liberty.

When I was a young man beginning my career as an exploration geologist, I routinely carried firearms for self defense. Mostly for protection from animals, yet in some cases from humans. Had I not had the opportunity to own and become proficient with those weapons, I would have been at increased risk a number of times without having adequate protection and deterrent from harm.

Sadly, our legislature no longer seems to embrace those western values. Despite the passage of more and more laws decreasing citizens' liberty, crime is still increasing.

Specifically to the bill before you, asking to take more freedom and liberty from Coloradans. This time, from all rural Coloradans desiring a place to practice or simply enjoy shooting. These are citizens and property owners who vote and are expected to defend our state and country, if needed. We all need practice to maintain or hone our shooting skills, and the end results from practice are safer gun owners. This bill would particularly harm the least among us by making it harder and more expensive to practice.

Yet through this bill, this body is planning to allow illegal takings by depriving rural property owners the ability to use their land as they desire. Other means are already available to stop/prosecute anyone who endangers another citizen by any means. Our state and federal constitutions as originally written never considered such limitations on citizens' property and in fact, included constitutional protections against such an illegal taking of citizens' property.

This bill hopes to fix a problem that does not exist nor is related to safe shooting, but instead to allow a tiny few to control other citizens' property.

I most strongly urge this committee to consider their law-abiding constituents' liberty, their right to own and safely use their property, the constitutions of Colorado and America, the meaning of "shall not be infringed", recent confirmations of our liberty by SCOTUS, and vote NO on this bill.

Thank you.

John Ansted  
Jefferson County

[Type here]

## **Testimony in Opposition to HB23-1165, County Commissioners' Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge**

### **The Firearms Coalition of Colorado**

Chair and Committee,

I am Robert Edmiston with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado, an all-volunteer NRA-affiliate that defends public safety and individual rights. I am a former US Army Officer. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to HB23-1165, because we believe that the bill interferes with a landowner's ability to use and enjoy his or her real property. HB23-1165 does not specify how the square mile region is to be calculated. Is it from the edge of the landowner's property, the center of the landowner's property, or is some other method of measurement used?

The definition of a dwelling in the bill seems to stipulate that one 35-unit apartment building a mile away from the property of the landowner in question could be enough to trigger the prohibition on the discharge of a firearm. This seems unreasonable.

The following section on page 4 of the amended bill also presents problems.

(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE 5 REQUIRES, "DWELLING" MEANS A STRUCTURE THAT IS USED, INTENDED TO 6 BE USED, OR USUALLY USED BY A PERSON FOR HABITATION, WHETHER OR 7 NOT THE STRUCTURE IS ATTACHED TO REAL PROPERTY.FOR THE PURPOSES 8 OF THIS SECTION, EACH INDIVIDUAL UNIT THAT PROVIDES COMPLETE 9 INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES FOR ONE OR MORE PERSONS, SUCH AS AN 10 INDIVIDUAL APARTMENT, CONDOMINIUM, MOBILE HOME, OR TRAILER, IS A 11 SEPARATE DWELLING.

A great many rural properties have recreational trailers or mobile homes stored outside. It appears to be the intention of the bill to count these vehicles as "dwellings," since they are "...intended to be used by a person for habitation..." Doing so could potentially reduce by half the number of properties required to invoke the discharge ban. We believe this issue needs to be clarified.

Finally, we believe the bill is unnecessary, because the State Legislature has already given County Commissioners the power to pass regulations more restrictive than state laws concerning firearms.

We urge a "No" vote on this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Type here]

[Type here]

Robert Edmiston

Volunteer Lobbyist

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado

[Type here]

Hello my name is Tiffany Taylor a rural Coloradan testifying against HB23-1165. Current state law forbids counties from passing their own ordinances in the unincorporated areas within their county. This bill specifies that county boards can prohibit firearms from being discharged if there are 35 dwellings or more per square mile in an unincorporated area. The bill seems to intend to use every possible dwelling in an area such as RV or camper. This will limit 2nd Amendment rights. "Currently counties can already adopt ordinances on firearm discharge for areas with at least 100 people per square mile. THIS BILL CREATES MORE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS INTO UNNECESSARY CRIMINALS. Please offer consideration from Colorado Counties. Sheriffs have not had much of a warning on this bill but County Sheriffs who did speak up stated that they already had all the laws they needed to outlaw the discharge of weapons that use a bump stock, or fully automatic weapons, and that this law, however, is unenforceable, and a concern for rural areas, where using a firearm to protect their livestock or pets from certain apex predators and other predators including skunks, coyotes, mountain lions and the reintroduced wolves. Predators can be an every day occurrence on a farm, a ranch or just county. The bill changes verbiage, "right to bear arms", with, "to own and possess arms". These are two very different meanings. The definition in

this bill will replace the words of the 2nd Amendment with a restriction on our Constitutional Rights. People who move to and live in unincorporated areas pay more money to live there and do so for “unincorporated reasons”. Property owners in county have less stringent rules to follow. City people are moving to rural areas, and then want to change everything about county into a city, they do not accept to our way of living they instead want to change the way we have been living for decades. Gunshots in unincorporated County are normal, many who testified at the committee hearing stated they could hear gun fire from firearms but when they called the police the guns had been put away and there was nothing for police to do. That is because this law as well as so many others are totally unenforceable.” This bill is a tear in our second amendment. This will not promote any significant amount of safety and will cost tax paying Coloradans unnecessary amounts of money if they must pay to go to a shooting range to site in their rifles or have target practice or teach their family proper gun safety.” There has been many times where i have utilized shooting in unincorporated county. I do so when i need to sight in my rifles, to teach my eldest gun safety and to scare off predators or kill predators if need be, which I have had to do several times. Including skunks, mountain lions, coyotes that often attack our chickens and livestock or

even were a threat to me and my families life. This bill would effect my hometown montrose co in all of the ways i stated today especially because wildlife consistently goes further into denser areas of county including mountain lions. This bill is a giant problem for those of us in rural colorado I'd like you to completely scrap HB23-1165 an unconstitutional, Unenforceable and Unnecessary bill. Thank you.

# Rational Perspectives on Firearms

---

Ten Questions and Answers Based on  
Facts, Data, Evidence, History, Common  
Sense and Logic, not Feelings

By Dr Michael Gaeta  
Boulder, Colorado

v.1 February 8, 2023

1

## Question #1:

---

Does changing a state to  
Constitutional Carry (no permit  
needed to carry) increase or  
decrease murder rates per capita?

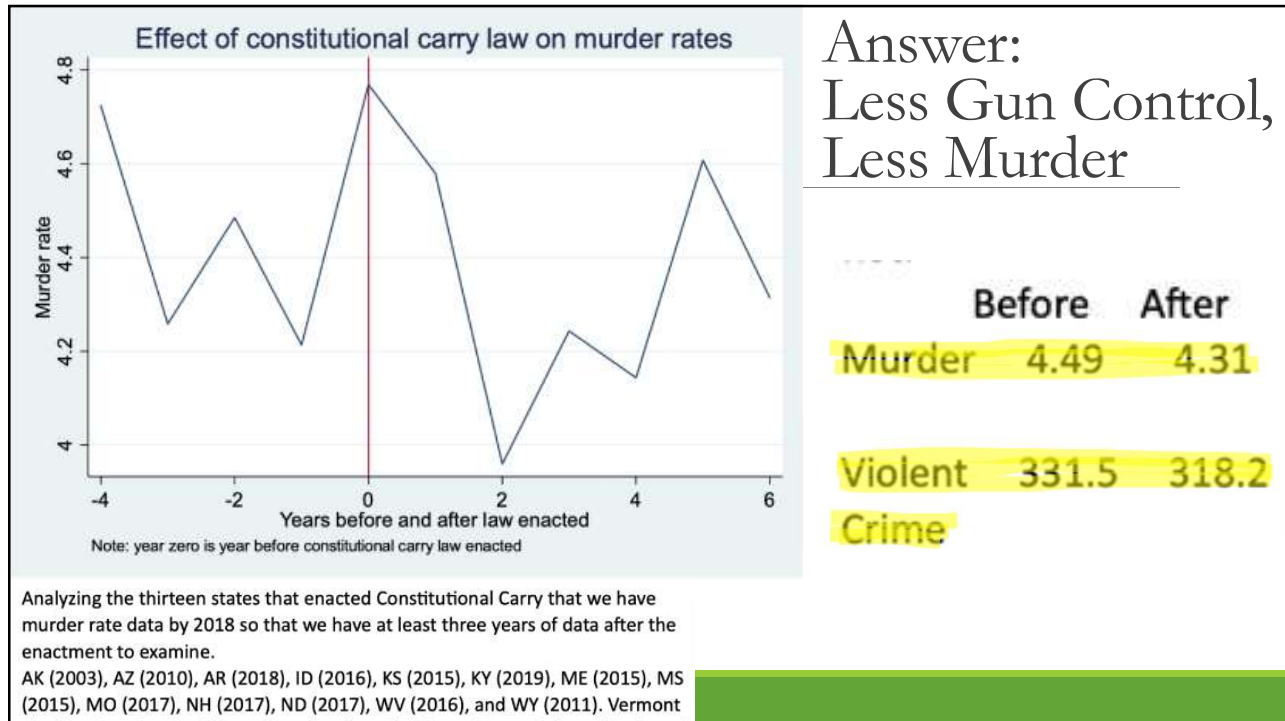
2

The screenshot shows the CDC WONDER website. At the top left is the CDC logo and the text "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People™". To the right is a search bar with the text "Search" and a close button "X". Below this is a blue navigation bar with "CDC WONDER" on the left and "FAQs", "Help", "Contact Us", and "WONDER Search" on the right. On the right side of the page, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. The main content area features a "WONDER Search" box with a "Search" button. Below this is the article title "CDC Data Shows Constitutional Carry States Have Fewer Total and Gun-Related Homicides" by Konstadinos Moros, dated October 4, 2022, with 78 comments. The article text states: "The average overall homicide rate among the sixteen constitutional carry states in 2020 was 6.9 per 100,000, beating the national average of 7.5 per 100,000. Perhaps more surprisingly, constitutional carry states also saw a lower gun-related homicide rate: 5.3 per 100,000, compared to the national figure of 5.9 per 100,000."

3

The slide is titled "Changes in Crime and Killings of Police After Constitutional Carry Adopted" and is from the "Crime Prevention Research Center". The center's mission is "Dedicated to conducting academic quality research on the relationship between laws regulating the ownership or use of guns, crime, and public safety". The slide is dated "Jan 23, 2022 | Constitutional Carry, Original Research" and provides information from "Professor Carl Moody, College of William & Mary and Research Director for the Crime Prevention Research Center, cemood@wm.edu". A bio for Dr. Carlisle E. Moody (1943-) is provided, stating he is an American economist, criminologist, and professor at the College of William & Mary. His education includes a B.A. in Economics from Colby College, and M.A. (1966) and Ph.D. (1970) in Economics from the University of Connecticut. A small portrait photo of Dr. Moody is included. The slide concludes with the text: "Data from this study are presented on the following slides".

4

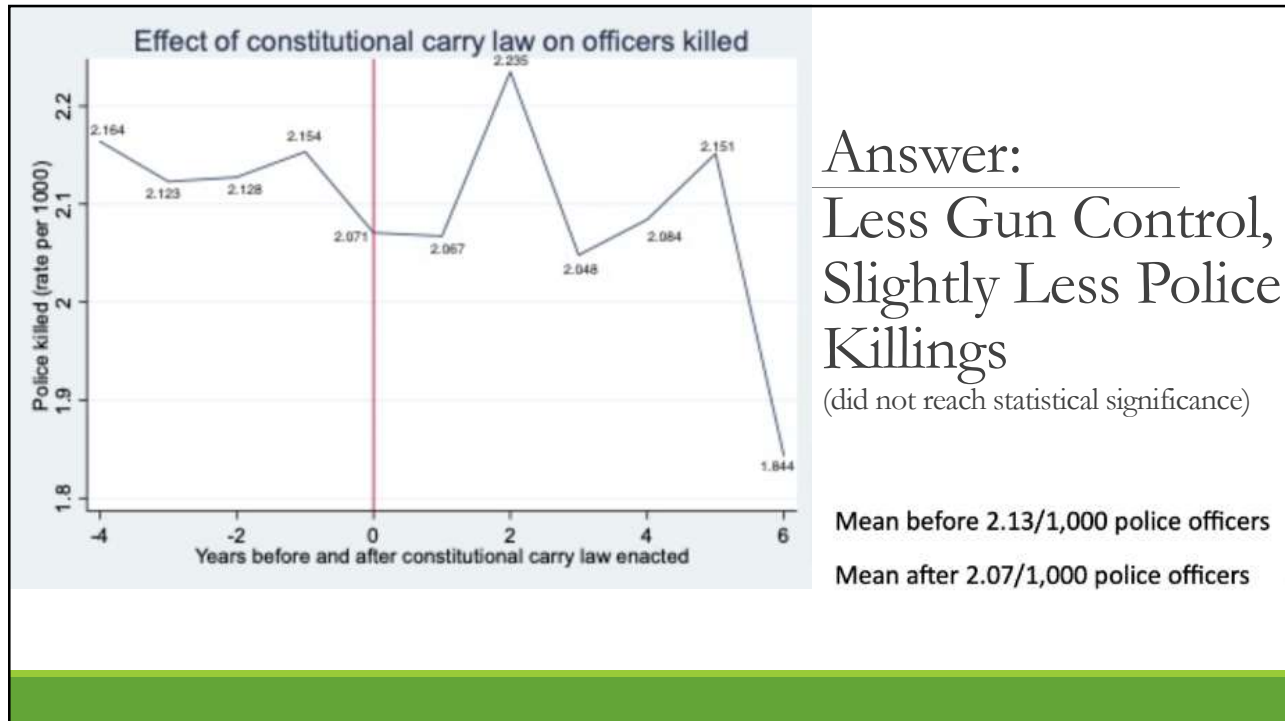


5

## Question #2:

Does changing a state to Constitutional Carry increase or decrease the number of police officers killed per capita?

6



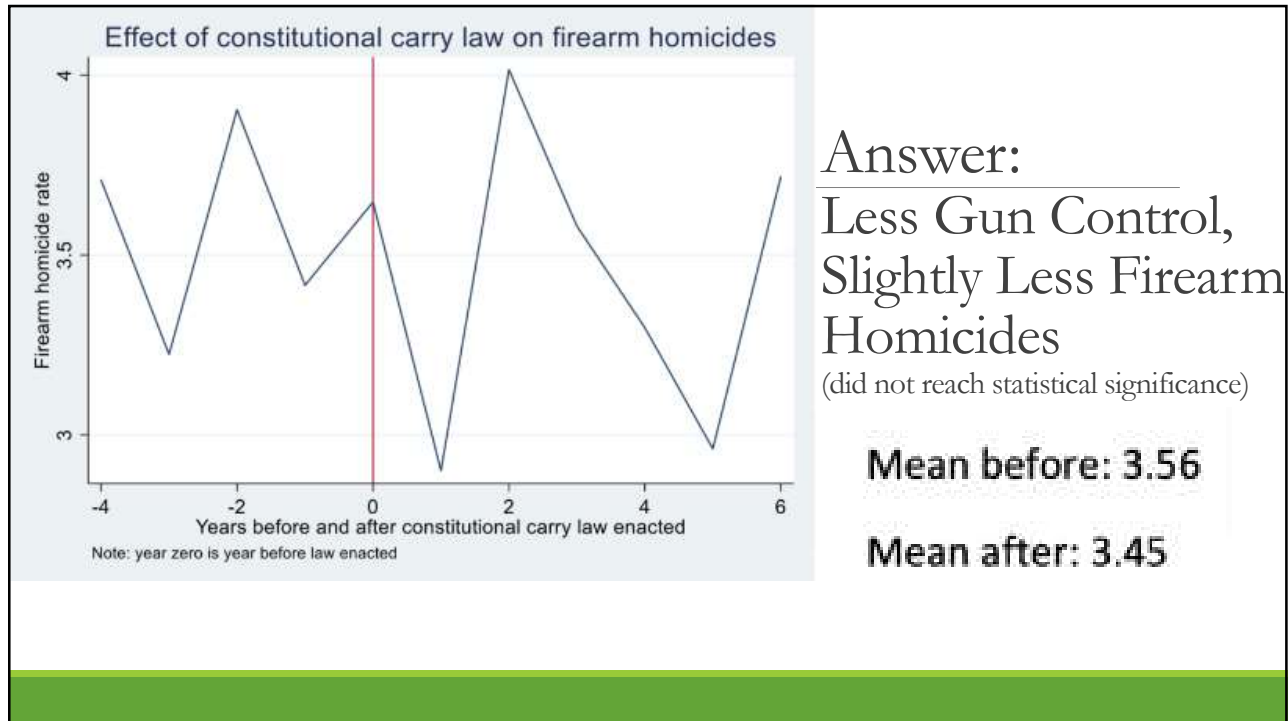
Answer:  
**Less Gun Control,  
Slightly Less Police  
Killings**  
(did not reach statistical significance)

7

## Question #3:

Does changing a state to  
Constitutional Carry increase or  
decrease the number of firearm  
homicides per capita?

8



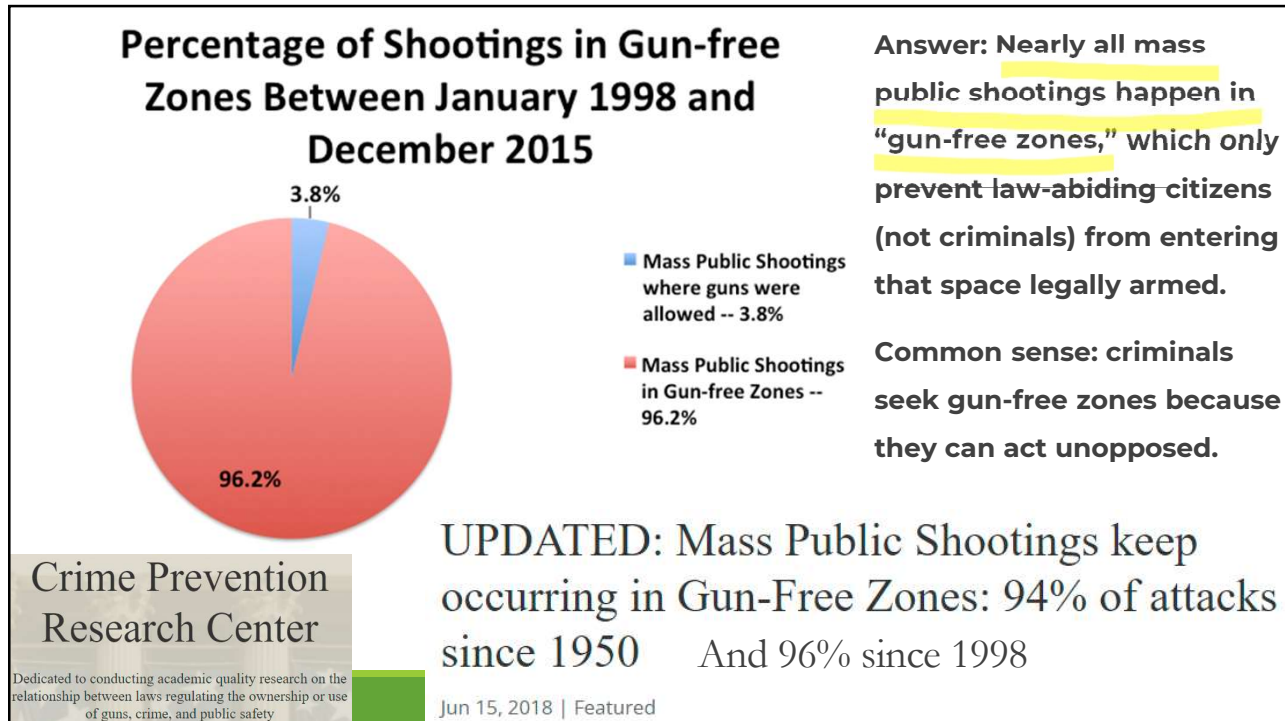
9

# Question #4:

Do gun-free zones prevent mass shootings?

Fact: twice as many deaths per year per capita from lightning strikes than mass shootings

10



11

# Relevant Statistics:

---

- # of US school (gun-free zones) shootings since 1970: 2,032, half (948) since 2013
- # of mass shootings at police stations: 0
- # of mass shootings at gun shows: 0
- # of mass shootings at shooting ranges: 0
- # of shootings at gun stores: 1 (not a mass shooting: only 1 employee killed)

Theme: Good guys with guns deter or prevent gun violence

12

Why are school shootings a relatively recent thing?

Why were there no school shootings in the 1950s?

---

That's an interesting thing, since where guns in the 1950s were much more readily available, even in the schools. There were school rifle clubs. People brought guns to school. - Larry Correia, CPA, Author

So the issue, as always, has nothing to do with access to guns of any type. The issue is more difficult and complex, which has to do with a decline in moral character, especially in younger people, and mental illness, including a massive increase in psychotropic prescription drugs.

13

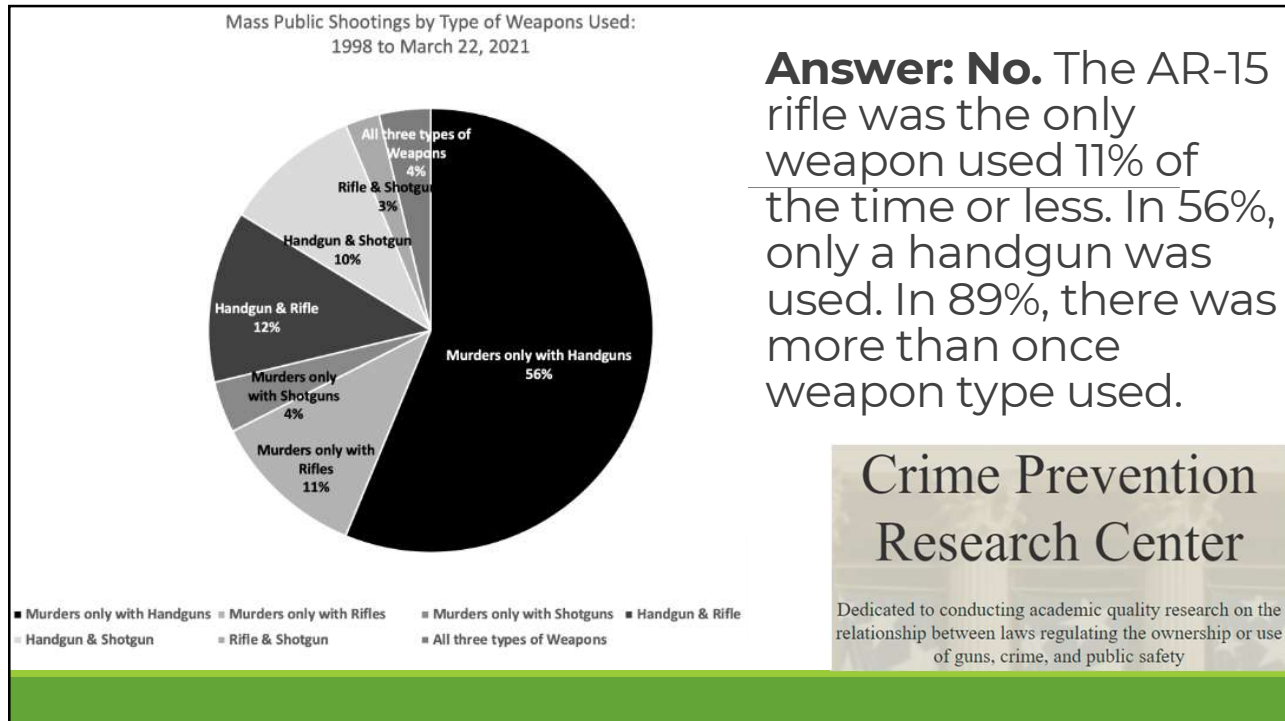
## Question #5:

---

Is the AR-15 the weapon of choice for mass public shooters?

As of 2020, there were about 20 million AR-15-style weapons in the country, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade association.

14



15

## Question #6:

Was President Biden lying again when he stated, on May 24, 2022, “When we passed the assault weapons ban, mass shootings went down. When the law expired, mass shootings tripled.”

16

# Answer:

---

Yes, another complete fabrication / disinformation.

Fact: There was no drop in the number of attacks with assault weapons during the 1994 to 2004 ban, perhaps because criminals are not affected by gun control measures.

Fact: If Biden's claim is correct, we should see a drop in the percent of attacks with assault weapons during the federal ban period and then an increase in the post-ban period, but the exact opposite is true.

Fact: eliminating the assault weapon ban had no effect on the number of attacks with assault weapons, but increased attacks that used other types of weapons.

Details at [crimeresearch.org/2022/05/biden-on-assault-weapons](https://crimeresearch.org/2022/05/biden-on-assault-weapons)

17

# Question #7:

---

Would an “assault weapons” ban reduce gun homicide?

18

# Answer: No.



RESEARCH REPORT

## Impact Evaluation of the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act of 1994

Jeffrey A. Roth, Christopher S. Koper, William Adams, John E. Marcotte, Doug Wissoker

March 13, 1997

1997 study commissioned and funded by the US Department of Justice

“At best, the assault weapons ban can have only a limited effect on total gun murders, because the banned weapons and magazines were never involved in more than a modest fraction of all gun murders.”

19

## Q. What About the Follow-Up 2004 DOJ Study?

A. Same conclusion: “AWs [assault weapons] and LCMs [large capacity magazines] were used in only a minority of gun crimes prior to the 1994 federal ban,” “relatively few attacks involve more than 10 shots fired,” and “the ban’s effects on gun violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement.”

Fact: Presented with overwhelming evidence of the 1994 ban’s inefficacy, Congress chose not to renew the gun-control measure.

20

## Question #8:

---

Do gun control measures keep guns out of the hands of criminals who use guns to commit crime and murder?

21

## Answer: No.

---

Gun control measures only disarm law-abiding citizens that use guns not to shoot people, but to defend themselves, their families, homes and businesses from violent attack where someone's life is in danger.

Criminals, by definition, do not care if they obtain firearms legally, and are unaffected by gun control measures.

22

## Hard Truths About Human Nature

---

Throwing millions of people in jail for illegal drugs did nothing to decrease these drugs – they just went underground. If people want drugs, they will find a way to get them, regardless of anti-drug laws.

If people want to commit violence on others, they will find a way to do it, with a gun, bomb or knife, regardless of anti-weapon laws. We have seen this all over the world, at all times and in all nations.

23

Another measure as nonsensical as banning the AR-15, the most popular firearm in the USA

---

**Fact:** 43,000 people were killed in traffic fatalities in 2021, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a 10% increase from 2020.

**Most common type of car:** Toyota

**Solution:** ban all Toyota vehicles

24

# Question #9:

---

Do gun control measures reduce crime?

25

**Answer: No, they increase crime, a lot.**

---

Legally-armed, law-abiding citizens **prevent** thousands of crimes per day, usually without a shot being fired.

The right to obtain a firearm legally is more important than the firearm itself, because guns effectively act as a **deterrent**.

**Worst-case scenario:** more gun control, so that only the bad guys have guns, and citizens can't defend themselves.

26

	Original language	English (US)
	Pages (from-to)	1-8
	Number of pages	8
	Journal	Journal of the American College of Surgeons
	Volume	228
	Issue number	1
State	Published - Jan 2019	

Home Profiles Departments/Divisions Grants **Research output** Prizes

## State Level Firearm Concealed-Carry Legislation and Rates of Homicide and Other Violent Crime

Mark E. Hamill, Matthew C. Hernandez, Kent R. Bailey, Martin D. Zielinski, Miguel A. Matos, Henry J. Schiller

Quantitative Health Sciences, Trauma, Critical Care and General Surgery

*Research output: Contribution to journal > Article > peer-review*

27

### Abstract

Background: Over the last 30 years, public opinion and state level legislation regarding the concealed-carry of firearms have shifted dramatically. Previous studies of potential effects have yielded mixed results, making policy recommendations difficult. **We investigated whether liberalization of state level concealed-carry legislation was associated with a change in the rates of homicide or other violent crime.** Study Design: Data on violent crime and homicide rates were collected from the US Department of Justice Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) over 30 years, from 1986 to 2015. State level concealed-carry legislation was evaluated each study year on a scale including “no carry,” “may issue,” “shall issue,” and “unrestricted carry.” Data were analyzed using general multiple linear regression models with the log event rate as the dependent variable, and an autoregressive correlation structure was assumed with generalized estimating equation (GEE) estimates for standard errors. Results: **During the study period, all states moved to adopt some form of concealed-carry legislation, with a trend toward less restrictive legislation. After adjusting for state and year, there was no significant association between shifts from restrictive to nonrestrictive carry legislation on violent crime and public health indicators. Adjusting further for poverty and unemployment did not significantly influence the results. Conclusions: This study demonstrated no statistically significant association between the liberalization of state level firearm carry legislation over the last 30 years and the rates of homicides or other violent crime.** Policy efforts aimed at injury prevention and the reduction of firearm-related violence should likely investigate other targets for potential intervention.

28

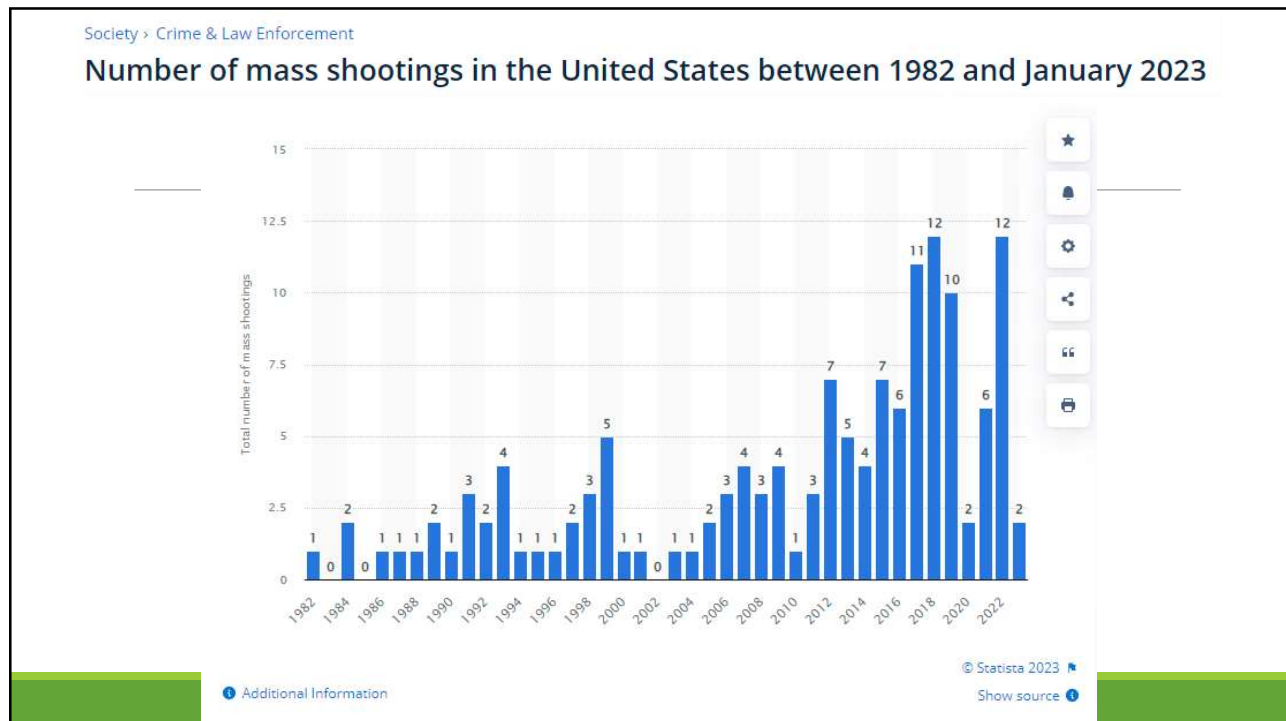
## Guns are not perfect, but they help a lot, in the hands of law-abiding, responsible citizens.

Guns are not perfect. They aren't going to stop these events from happening. A fire extinguisher doesn't stop fires from happening, either; it just helps you deal with the damage faster than waiting for the fire department.

It's the same thing with applying CPR or doing first aid. It's not as good as a trauma surgeon. It's not going to cure the problem, but it can save lives.

Concealed carry is no different. It's all about how long it takes for us to get a response there. And if that response comes from us, we're better off. If that response comes from outside (law enforcement), we have to wait for it. It's really simple. It's just simple math. - Larry Correia, CPA, Author

29



30

# Question #10:

---

Since gun control measures have never actually helped, why are they so popular with a loud minority of Americans?

31

# Answers:

---

**1. Gun control is a simplistic solution to a complex problem.** Gun violence has increased over recent decades, while legal access to firearms has decreased in high-crime areas. So the problem is not and never was guns. It's people, and people are complex. Banning guns is simple, though ineffective.

**2. It feels good,** even though it doesn't actually DO any good. We see tragic mass shootings, and want to "do something." And rather than do the hard work of addressing root causes - mental illness, moral education, making sure children have fathers in their lives, etc., - it's much easier to blame an implement, an inanimate object, and reduce access to it, so you can feel good.

32

---

# Practical Solutions

33

## Solutions That Would Actually Help (unlike more gun control or bans)

---

1. Actually prosecute criminals – tough on crime policies
2. Education about safe gun handling, carrying, storage
3. Expand mental health and suicide (61% of all gun deaths) prevention programs
4. Help fathers be part of their son's lives in inner cities
5. Constitutional carry in all 50 states (currently 25); end gun-free zones
6. Arm school staff (or pretend that you did with a sign)
7. Publicly funded firearms training for citizens

34

---

“An armed society is a polite society. Manners are good  
when one may have to back up his acts with his life.”

— Robert A. Heinlein, *Beyond This Horizon*

