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HCR23-1003 Constitutional Concealed Carry Of A Handgun

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Katherine Gerber Against themselves	More guns do not prevent gun violence. With the current state of gun violence in the US, I am disappointed in the efforts to allow more guns in more places. This bill should not pass. I am a mother and fear for my child's safety. He is two years old and we are asking our daycare what active shooter practices and protocols look like. It is preventable with more gun control and not with more guns. I urge you not to move this bill forward. Thank you.
Craig Bauer For themselves	Hello. To the esteemed members. This bill of constitutional carry is valid in its support of the already inalienable right outlined in the second amendment. Though the validity of the bill seems merely a matter of support and reinforcement of a right that no establishment of law has power to restrict or inure in anyway, it is to note that it shines a light ; The beacon of hope that the USA will survive these trials of communist intentions plaguing our nation for such many years that many people how relatively no identity outside the attempt at subversion through political diatribe that has undermined our nation and caused many to die and be incarcerated unjustifiably. One step forward to the true design of the American identity is a valuable position anyone could take.
Kathryn Colonna Against themselves	My name is Kathryn Colonna and I'm opposed to HCR23-1003. We need to protect our children and grandchildren from firearms. They deserve to have a safe and secure environment in which to learn.
Travis Couture-Lovelady For NRA	The National Rifle Association of America on behalf of our members in Colorado supports Constitutional Carry. Law-abiding adults should be able exercise their fundamental right to carry firearms for self-defense without having to navigate burdensome government regulations.
Melissa Colonna Against themselves	This amendment is unnecessary. What value does this bring to our community? It makes it more unsafe. Why would we do this when firearm injuries are the leading cause of death for children in the US? I need to pass a test to drive a car. I need a prescription to obtain opioids. I need a valid ticket and identification to pass through TSA at the airport. We have all

	<p>these controls for safety. My family and I are adamantly opposes to this amendment. We desperately need to solve the issue of children and firearm death. This DOES NOT do this or help this! PLEASE do not pass nonsense amendment! Thank you. Melissa and my children (aged 3 and 5).</p>
<p>Alexander Cisneros Against themselves</p>	<p>Chair and members of the committee, my name is Alexander Cisneros and I am a Junior at East High School. I am writing in opposition to this bill.</p> <p>But for an AP test tomorrow morning, this would be my 7th time in a committee for the year of 2023. This is my 8th speech before a committee on a bill for the year of 2023, and of those, my third time speaking before this particular committee. In the course of testifying, I have witnessed...curious arguments, to say the least, on the matter of common sense gun laws. I also have heard “no” many times from certain individuals when it comes to common sense reforms that would help eliminate gun violence. And now some of those individuals have determined to bring forth this bill that will make our state more dangerous.</p> <p>Permitless carry laws lower the bar for who may carry hidden handguns in public and allow untrained and unvetted people to carry concealed guns in parks, town centers, and other public places. We must not nullify safeguards that keep people safe and allow untrained and potentially dangerous individuals to carry and use a gun without a permit and without training to ensure they use a gun responsibly. I don’t want to be afraid of being shot in the street because someone untrained and without a permit interprets action in extremes. One may argue that this fear would be held all the same whether one is concealing a gun or carrying it openly, but I would have them understand that one acts very differently when one is aware that the individual has a gun, and when one doesn’t. This is especially the case for my experience, as an individual on the Autism Spectrum, meaning that, among other things, I interact with people differently. I would prefer not to be shot should an individual interpret my actions in an extreme manner.</p> <p>Some have argued that dangerous criminals will not follow common sense gun laws, and may thus argue that there’s no harm to implementing this bill. That is no excuse to allow untrained individuals to roam the streets with a concealed gun. I urge that you fail this bill.</p>
<p>Barbara Niederhoff Against themselves</p>	<p>Hello, I’m writing to ask you to vote no on HCR23-1003. Since the beginnings of our nation, Americans have set a variety of community standards so that we exercise firearm rights responsibly.</p>

	<p>In Colorado, when people wish to carry concealed firearms around other Coloradans, our permitting system lets us set standards on their understanding of proper handling. This is because we all understand that a person with a firearm can easily do more damage than one without.</p> <p>Eliminating these standards would result in more guns in public places carried by people with little or no education on the most basic rules of handling. People who haven't learned these rules yet are at higher risk of using a gun improperly or ineptly and harming others around them. They are at higher risk of storing it unsecured or even forgetting where their gun is, making theft much easier for crimes of opportunity.</p> <p>States that have eliminated their permitting systems ahead of us have already shown that it results in higher rates of violent crime. Colorado should not follow them down that path. Please vote no on HCR23-1003 and continue Colorado's tradition of responsible carry. Thank you.</p>
<p>Keith Emerson For themselves</p>	<p>With the addition of Florida and Nebraska earlier this year 27 states now have what some call "constitutional carry".</p> <p>It's time this was passed in Colorado as well. Please support this bill.</p>