RE: H.4139 *An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws* “Lawful Citizens Imprisonment Act”

Dear H.4139 Conference Committee Member,

As a constituent of yours, I feel a responsibility to reach out to you and express my opposition to both the House and Senate versions of H.4139, *An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws*. Neither version of this bill does anything to address crime, violence or mental health issues in the Commonwealth and I implore you to oppose both versions in their entirety.

The Commonwealth’s own data, which was completely ignored in this effort, clearly demonstrates that Massachusetts’ existing gun control laws have been an abject failure in reducing crime and suicide. Since the passage of Ch. 180 of the Acts of 1998, the **rate of gun-related homicides alone has increased by 111%** according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Where is the supposed success? More laws restricting the innocent are supposed to fix this?

**The current laws and regulations amount to nothing but a series of overlapping and confusing regulations used to persecute the state’s Second Amendment community.**

As responsible citizen and member of the Second Amendment community, I am being blamed for the actions of criminals and the **outright failure of the Massachusetts gun control scheme**. There is no other peaceable community in the United States, aside from the Second Amendment community, that is punished for the actions of violent criminals.

Additionally, I can think of no other Constitutional Civil Right in this country that the Massachusetts has gutted using cheap, sleight of hand legislative maneuvers because “leadership” is looking to score some points for their legacy.

**Our civil rights deserve more respect than this legislation and its “process” has reflected!**

I would urge that you push the Conference Committee to abandon both bills. The focus of the State House should be to respect four separate U.S. Supreme Court rulings that clearly state the Second Amendment is not a “second class right”. The legislature should be repealing the current convoluted punitive laws and refocus its attention where it belongs: crime and suicide!

The majority of states in our country are going in the opposite direction but Massachusetts insists upon restricting good citizens for the actions of the bad.

Thank you for your consideration,

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