

Chairman Aaron Michlewitz
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

RE: OPPOSITION to H.1529 An Act Relative to Firearm Safety and Harassment Prevention Orders

Dear Chairman,

I write to you today to ask you to vote against the favorable release of H.1529, *An Act relative to firearm safety and harassment prevention orders* by the Committee on Ways and Means. The bill was released with a favorable report by the Joint Committee on the Judiciary in February and I would really hope that it goes no further through the process.

This bill essentially serves as an expansion of the ill-conceived so-called “Red Flag Law” which allows for the removal or suspension of a citizen’s constitutional rights and private property without definitive due process of law. The debates leading up to the passage of the law, and indeed the law itself, willfully ignored the human elements involved and those desperately in need of mental health help.

This new law proposed by H.1529, is simply another avenue to persecute and prosecute responsible gun owners. In 2018, Gun Owners’ Action League (GOAL) released a report that proved beyond any doubt that the gun laws of the Commonwealth were an abject failure. Murder and violent crime continue to very high levels, while the gun laws of our state only target the Second Amendment Community.

Sadly, despite these proven facts, there are government officials who insist on the path of more intrusive gun laws. Laws that have been proven to only harm the law-abiding while doing nothing to go after the human criminal element. This proposal is no different.

Thank you for your time and again, I respectfully request that you do not allow this bill to be released favorably by the Committee.

Thank you,

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