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During the GunSenseVT testimony, she could not answer conclusively that they are a grassroots organization. In fact, we all know they are a part of Michael Bloomberg's push for gun control. A rich New Yorker.

Vermonters showed up Feb 10 to the Statehouse. The people wearing orange far outnumbered the people wearing green. Vermonters have shown themselves opposed to S.141.

The stats presented by pro gun control side are from Michael Bloomberg's organizations (Everytiwn, MAIG, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, etc) and don't apply to Vermont. Vermont is special because it's always enjoy a large measure of freedom and very little crime. In fact, Vermont is the safest state in the union. Other states should copy us, we shouldn't copy them.

Vermont can't afford to take over prosecutions currently conducted by the Feds. To take on that cost now would be the height of fiscal irresponsibility.

People will avoid getting mental health treatment if they might lose their gun rights because of it. If somebody is found to be a danger to themselves or others, they should be in a mental hospital getting intense treatment, not free on the street.

Project Gun Shop will be carried out, even without this law.

Finally, the Drs who testified on behalf of S.141 unanimously said that it was a start. A beginning. A first step. Again, Vermont is the safest state in the union. It does not need this law, and it doesn't need further gun control. This bill needs to die here in committee.

Please vote NO on S.141. Thank you, Victoria Heisner Benson, VT

## PS

I moved here from CA in 2003 because of the liberal gun control laws and lack of crime. Believe me, gun control will give you nothing good for your constituents. In CA I had guns drawn on me while in my own yard, and gang members were shot and killed just down the street. We also had drive-by gang shootings. We had very strict gun control laws.

Vermont is having a very bad time with drugs. Instead of dealing with that, you guys are addressing gun control. Maybe you should concern yourself with that instead of worrying that an anorexic should have their gun rights removed. Or making a new law that will cause law enforcement budgets to be cut because we don't have the money to pay the increased costs.

You'll be making a very serious mistake for Vermont if you vote for S.141.