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Subject: charter amendment in state legislature

Terry and Jim,

Burlington is unique in the state and its citizens have indicated loudly that they want to be proactive to keep gun violence at bay. Burlington has already had some issues that we do not want repeated. This is about prevention. 2/3 of Burlington voters voted in favor of the Charter Changes in 2014 and the legislature should honor the wishes of her citizens. It is not that complicated to inform gun owners about Burlington gun ordinances. We have taxes that are different in different towns.

Burlington has had many designations as a "livable city", but if it begins to experience more incidents related to gun violence then that designation might change. If Burlington develops an unsafe reputation, it will be downgraded and then the entire region will suffer.

There will be a hearing in the House Government Operations Committee this coming Thursday. The Committee needs to pass the bills out of committee first but when they do, we want to be sure there are legislators who are supportive.

What happens in Burlington directly affects our town of Williston. Please support these acts, or tell us why you are not in support.

Thanks for all you do for our town, but this legislation is for the overall good of our area.

Ruth and Charlie Magill,
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[H.568](#) An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington prohibiting possession of firearms on premises where alcohol is licensed to be served

[H.567](#) An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington regarding police confiscation of deadly or dangerous weapons

[H.566](#) An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington requiring firearms to be locked in safe storage depositories or placed in locking devices