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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing this letter to you as I am alarmed at the statistics that you are being provided by many witnesses in favor of S.141 (I read the posted testimony and comments daily). Throughout the process in the Senate (for S.31 and S.141) it was shown that much of the data and statistics used by groups in support of these bills were misleading at best, and mostly false.

I want to refer you to testimony on Feb 10, 2015 at the public S.31 hearing from Tim Bombardier (representing Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police), which is evidence that you should question statistics that you are being given by supporters of S.141. Especially paying attention to data that was obtained from Everytown, Moms Demand Action, and Gunsense.

*Bombardier, representing the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police at a Feb. 10 public hearing, testified that arguments presented to the group in support of S.31 did "not have a factual basis."*

*"Members of the Chiefs Association were contacted by Gun Sense Vermont, and statistics were thrown out. When we examined these statistics, they do not have a factual basis. ...*

*"Gun Sense Vermont throws out nationally that this law is going to reduce domestic violence homicides. ...(But) if you're going to say a law is going to impact Vermont, it should be looked at in terms of what it means in Vermont — not what it means in New York or the Midwest, but what it means in Vermont.*

I also invite you to do a google search on the validity of Everytown , Moms Demand Action, and Gunsense statistics. The results will be shocking. Their statistics and claims have been proven false all across the country numerous times.

I just want to urge you to not take all statistics you are given at face value and to research the sources that the data comes from.

The real statistics, from the FBI and ATF, (which have been presented countless times by Vermont Federation of

Sportsman Clubs and Gun Owners of Vermont) clearly show that **Vermont is the safest state in the nation** and our current gun laws suit us fine. I once again urge you to **vote NO to S.141. Why change what is clearly working for Vermont?**

Thank you,  
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