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Dear Senators,

I am writing this as a concerned citizen and voter. It has come to my attention that bill S.31 is in the senate at this time. I vehemently oppose all sections of this bill.

Vermont has been a home to my family since before its statehood. My family has fought in every battle that this state has been involved in since the French and Indian Wars. One side of my family was at Lexington & Concord and the other side fought with the Green Mountain Boys. The reason for my history lesson is this... I am a Constitutionalist. I believe in the principles that my family bled, sweat and died for.

I find this bill an infringement on my rights. If I want to pass a rifle down to my grandchild (before the age of 18), then that is my right. Under this new bill, it would be a felony. This bill is not going to accomplish any more than the federal laws that we all live by and there is no need for it. This bill, if it were to become a law, would encroach upon my rights.

I am disgusted by the misinformation and blatant lies that Gunsense VT is spewing forth. They are trying to use emotion to pull at everyone's heartstrings. If you look at the true facts, we are the safest state in the nation (according to FBI statistics). We have a long tradition of hunting, teaching our children gun safety and hunting. It's a way of life for many of us and it should NOT change to make a few people "feel" safer. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

I am asking you to vote "No" on all portions of S.31.

Respectfully Submitted,

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