

To Representative Maxine Grad

Having had my attention called to house bill H.422, which I have been informed recently passed through committee, I decided to look into the committee's composition.

Seven Democrats and Four Republicans.

How is that not a stacked deck?

I do not know how committee members are selected, so I would appreciate any information you can provide on this subject.

My concern with H.422 is its disregard of constitutional rights and due process: the presumption of innocence and freedom from unreasonable search and seizure. In particular, I am concerned that Vermont law imposes a burdensome storage fee which represents what I believe to be a calculated obstacle to retrieval of legally owned property. I believe there is an underlying cynicism to bills such as these, whose true purpose is to impose unwanted and unwarranted gun control on Vermont's citizens. For well over two hundred years, Vermonters have proven themselves highly responsible stewards of the right to bear arms, unequivocally granted in Vermont's constitution: "That the people have the right to bear arms for protection of THEMSELVES..."

It appears that the deck is indeed stacked against Liberty and Unity, both attributes of our state motto diminished by partisan legislation such as this and other anti-gun ownership bills.

It is my belief that two important factors helped to get Donald Trump elected: Hillary Clinton's radical anti-gun ownership agenda (embracing Australian style gun confiscation) and, in general the extreme hubris of the liberal establishment. That hubris seems alive and thriving in today's Vermont, which is really not Vermont anymore, sad to say.

PS: This message has been sent to Governor Scott with this introductory comment:

"Dear Governor Scott,

Congratulations on your victory in the recent gubernatorial election. You got my vote, as I believe that you will help protect the traditional rights of Vermonters from liberal/progressive extremism."

Respectfully,

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