

I, Susan Scaglione, vehemently oppose confiscation bill H.422 and I urge this committee to do so as well.

What appears on the surface, to protect a victim of domestic violence, actually has the potential to create an even more dangerous situation and leave the victim completely defenseless.

There are already state and federal laws that keep guns out of the hands of convicted offenders. Anyone with a restraining order or convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence is prohibited on the National Instant Background check from purchasing a firearm. Not only does this bill dismiss the rights of the alleged offender, it discards the rights of the alleged victim as well.

Since 1994 domestic violence firearm deaths for the state of Vermont, overall, have decreased by 38% according to CDC and FBI statistics. Vermont is THE safest state in the nation and needs NO NEW gun laws!

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