

Good afternoon

I'd like to make sure that this message reaches each member of the judiciary committee and is entered into public record.

I'm writing in reference to the bill introduced by Phil Baruth that would ban firearms at protests. I am strongly in opposition to this opportunistic attack on Vermonters second amendment and article sixteen rights.

This seems like a simple no brainer to me, a citizen shouldn't have to give up one right while exercising another, especially the right to self defense. I ask members of the committee this...if protests are such dangerous places, why does Mr. Baruth wish to disarm the citizens of Vt who attend them? Should they not be able to defend themselves just because they are exercising their right to protest? The answer is pretty clear to me, this another blatant attempt to infringe on our rights as Vermonters and Americans to defend ourselves by Senator Baruth. Please do not move forward with this bill

Thank you for your time,  
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