

The Honorable Ronald Mariano
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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State House Room 356
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to **HD4420**, the new gun laws currently under consideration in Massachusetts. As a law-abiding citizen who values my Second Amendment rights and believe in the importance of personal safety, I strongly believe that these proposed laws are unnecessary and pose a threat to our constitutional freedoms.

Primarily, these new gun laws infringe upon the rights granted to us by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. This amendment was included in our nation's founding documents to ensure that citizens have the right to protect themselves, their loved ones and their property from harm. Implementing stringent regulations and restrictions, as proposed, denies law-abiding citizens the ability to exercise this fundamental right, which is essential for maintaining a free and democratic society.

Moreover, it is evident that these laws fail to address the root cause of gun violence. Instead of targeting responsible gun owners, we should be focusing on addressing mental health issues, strengthening law enforcement efforts, and promoting community-based solutions that address the socioeconomic factors at the heart of gun violence. Punishing law-abiding citizens and imposing further restrictions on their rights is not an effective or fair approach to addressing this complex issue.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed gun laws and instead focus on measures that uphold our constitutional rights while addressing the underlying causes of gun violence.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I kindly request that you reflect upon the potential negative consequences of these proposed laws and work toward alternative solutions that prioritize our constitutional rights and the safety of our communities. There are many other points of contention, I won't take up your time going through them line by line, instead I would urge you to speak with Jim Wallace at GOAL (jimwallace@goal.org) about making reforms which help instead of criminalizing MA gun owners. I look forward to hearing from you and learning about your position on this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Gun Owner's Action League