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TO: Members of the Committee

SUBJECT: Duty # 4 Submission per Notice of Formal Request for Information, Dated August 4, 2020

I am opposed to the measures which are being proposed. There are reasons.

As evidenced by recent tragic rioting and looting in the country, it is clear that governments cannot, or will not, adequately protect citizens. For centuries, the people have had to defend themselves against criminals when law enforcement personnel were not at the time and place needed. Although good people, the police cannot do everything.

The constitution of the country empowers the people to keep and bear arms. It does make reference to "a well- regulated militia". So what is that? You see militia like organizations on the national news almost every week. The point being, the Texas government specifically and clearly does not have the legal authority to cross the line and violate the constitution.

The citizenry are not stupid or immature and do not need to be treated in that way. In the recent troubles, the law-abiding gun owner has been level headed and clear in the intent to defend his family and property. The community is safer because of them. Also, the NRA has good training programs in firearm safety and handling.

I will vote against anyone attempting to mislabel, malign, or excessively limit me.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen