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Submitted to the Committee on Community Safety, Select  
For HB 220

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MARY ETTA Lang  
SELF  
CONROE, TX

INFRINGE IS A FINITE WORD WHICH MEANS THAT IT CANNOT BE QUANTIFIED. MEANS CONGRESS CANNOT SAY "YOU CAN HAVE A GUN, BUT YOU CANNOT HAVE THIS GUN". GET A DICTIONARY. LOOK UP FINITE WORD. NO MORE INFRINGEMENTS.

Geroge Clement  
self  
Austin, TX

there is no way for the State to provide this information during the weekends or after business hours. That blocks people from exercising their rights.

John Bolgiano  
Self - Retired  
Llano, TX

OPPOSED

LTC holders are among the most law abiding of all Texas citizens. I fail to see how implementing this bill will bring any great reduction in crime or prevent a firearm from falling into the wrong hands.

Randall Reeves  
Self  
Lubbock, TX

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Carolyn Hidges

Myself

Dripping Springs, TX

Against: LTCs are some of the most law abiding citizens. Look at the stats.. this seems like its about control and infringing on our basic God given rights as acknowledged by our Constitution

David Bell

Self, retired

Lago Vista, TX

HB220 I support this bill which keeps people charged with crimes from fraudulently using revoked or suspended license (LTC) to skip background check when buying guns.

Eileen Wolfard

Self

Lago Vista, TX

Please support this bill to protect innocent people from unlawful handgun and other firearm possession.

Wendy McRoberts

Self

Danbury, TX

I support the bill to stop unlawful transfers.

Loren Simpson

Swlf

Lago Vista, TX

Please pass this bill out of committee.

Lora Anne Ochoa

self retired

Lago Vista, TX

I support this bill which keeps people charged with crimes from fraudulently using revoked or suspended license (LTC) to skip background check when buying guns. All care must be taken to keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous individuals.

James Everard, Sgt. (ret)

Self

Killeen, TX

This bill is nothing but more restrictions on lawful gun owners. We are always seeking ways to reduce "gun violence" in Texas and across America. Unfortunately we don't look at the core of the issue, criminals. Every time a new high profile shooting happens, legislation is introduced to restrict lawful gun purchases. The issue? Criminals, gang members, and felons are not buying their firearms from FFL dealers. They are buying stolen firearms from off the street. We need to stop trying to restrict the rights of Texans who are just trying to protect themselves and their loved ones while following the law, and enforce the laws we already have for the people who are actually committing the crimes. That is why I oppose this bill. Thank you.

Mike Sloane

Self

Bryan, TX

Absolutely do not support this bill

Linda McCullough

Self

Lago vista, TX

I support this bill.

Sally Anderson

Teacher / Self

Austin, TX

I'm a constituent and my zipcode is 78703. As a teacher in Texas, I am writing because I support measures like this that will help keep our classrooms and communities safe. I implore you to help to take action and support HB 220 and help protect students in classrooms.

FRANCES BRIGGS

North Shore Democrats of Travis County

LAGO VISTA, TX

I support restrictions proposed in Rep. Goodwin's bill.

Melanie Greene

self/tech consultant

AUSTIN, TX

I am in favor of HB 220. We need to keep people charged with crimes from fraudulently using a revoked or suspended LTC to skip a background check when buying guns. Please close these loopholes.

Michael Killlea

Self

Lago Vista, TX

I support this bill which keeps people charged with crimes from fraudulently using revoked or suspended license (LTC) to skip background check when buying guns.

Jonathan Windsor

Self

Celina, TX

I oppose this bill.

Maryann Riordan

Self, Retired

Livingston, TX

I support Rep. Goodwin's bill.

Elizabeth Steele

Clinical Social Worker

HOUSTON, TX

Please insure the passage of laws that help us feel safer with gun ownership rights in our communities. We have to have some monitoring and consequences for unlawful transfer of handguns and firearms.

Elva Mendoza

self; public health social worker

Austin, TX

HB 220: Support. This bill would close a loophole that allows those with suspended or revoked Licenses to Carry to use those LTC to evade background checks when purchasing firearms. I am sure all lawmakers can agree those with revoked or suspended licenses should not be able to exploit this loophole to purchase guns unlawfully. Any concerns about the impact of this bill on lawful LTC holders can be addressed in implementation. I urge you to support this bill.

Lisa Phillips

self

Houston, TX

We are arming the cartels that Greg Abbott claims to be fighting at the border. Closing the gun show loophole in the state of Texas, would effectively limit the unlawful transfer of firearms to people who should not have access, whether they are felons, criminals trafficking guns or domestic abusers. Texas should lead the nation in gun safety given our heritage as a state with responsible gun owners.

Epi Camacho

self

San Antonio, TX

Greetings,

I oppose this bill on the basis that it nothing than another way to infringe on our 2nd amendment rights. This unconstitutional bill gives power to law enforcement to seize one's license upon a charge to which according to the Supreme Court would not pass the Bruen test based on the fact that no such seizure was allowed or done in line with our nation's historical tradition. Thank you

Delaina Bishop

SELF/Parent

Austin, TX

I HIGHLY SUPPORT this bill. Thank you Representative Goodwin for introducing this bill.

CLIFTON MCCULLOUGH

myself

LAGO VISTA, TX

As an Army veteran and lifelong firearms owner and shooter, I support this bill.

Craig Campbell

SELF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT

AUSTIN, TX

A reasonable way to keep out of the hands of unstable people and felons.

Rachel Dicker

self

Austin, TX

I support HB220

EVE MARGOLIS

self

Austin, TX

Support HB 220. Gun ownership and use need accountability.

Allen Dinsmore

self

Mineola, TX

UNCONSTITUTIONAL!!! End this insane bill and then burn it. Stop attempting to add any more laws to law abiding Texans. We will be the only ones affected by these stupid laws. Also, how about doing away with ALL unconstitutional licensing to own/carry any firearm ever?! Thank you!

Cindy Samuelson

Self

Dallas, TX

Writing in strong support--it's past time to take action--there's no easy solution but the TX-lege needs to whittle away at the problem of gun violence in our state NOW. This is a good step.

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Wesley Scott Lewis

Self

Austin, TX

Dear Members of the Texas House Select Committee on Community Safety:

Today you will hear testimony on Rep. Goodwin's House Bill 220, which would ensure that a suspended or revoked license to carry a handgun can't be used to circumvent the National Instant Check System (NICS) when purchasing a firearm from a federally licensed dealer. During the sixteen years I've fought for fact-based firearm policies, I've frequently said that there is no such thing as "common-sense" gun legislation; however, HB 220 comes as close to that ideal as any bill I've seen.

I am not a partisan who blindly supports gun-control or gun-rights legislation—the last time I testified before the Texas Legislature was April 3, 2019, when I testified (at timecode 4:40:00 in the official video record) against Rep. Goodwin's bill to repeal Texas's campus carry law—but HB 220 is necessary to close a dangerous gap between Texas's license-to-carry law and the federal background-check law.

I implore you not to let yourselves be swayed by partisan ideologues who would distort the intent or effect of this bill in an effort to prove their "pro-gun" bona fides. Nobody in the Texas Legislature wants to face a reporter or, worse yet, a grieving parent asking, "If the law said he wasn't allowed to buy a gun, why was he able to buy a gun? Why didn't you fix this law before somebody died?" In politics, few choices are as clearly right or wrong as this one is. Please make the right choice and vote to pass HB 220 out of committee.

As always, thank you for your time and for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Lewis

Founding Board Member (2007-2008), Students for Concealed Carry  
Director of Public Relations (2007-2008), Students for Concealed Carry  
Texas Legislative Director (2010-2011), Students for Concealed Carry  
Senior Advisor (2009, 2012-2017), Students for Concealed Carry  
Activist for Fact-Based Firearm Policies (2018-Present), Freelance

Patricia Goforth

self- real estate agent

Austin, TX

I support this bill.

Ashley Goldman

Self

Austin, TX

We need more protection! Protecting our children should be our #1 priority.

Norma Hackler

Self

Austin, TX

I am in favor of this bill. It is reasonable for there to be a criminal penalty for the unlawful transfer of handguns and other firearms to protect communities.

Julie Marinucci  
self - Tax Accountant  
Houston, TX

I support this bill. It is commonsense.

Al Lindsey, M.D.

Moms Demand Action, Texas Gun Sense, Texas Gun Owners for Safety, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Austin Chapter  
Austin, TX

Firearms should not be transferred unlawfully. And handgun licensure seems to be a moot issue now, given the passage of the so-called "constitutional carry" law.

Kristin Jarzombek  
Texas Mom Making Decisions  
Austin, TX

I support this bill

Stacy Suits  
Travis County Constable Pct 3  
Austin, TX

I support this bill both as self and as a Constable .

Alyse Meyer  
self  
Cedar Park, TX

Support this common sense bill.

Cathy Elmore  
Self, retired CPA  
Houston, TX

I strongly support HB 220  
to make our children, communities and state a safer place. Please vote this bill out of committee and encourage calendars to schedule it for the full house.  
Thank you for your service.  
Cathy

Ashley Kasiraj  
Texas Moms Demand  
AUSTIN, TX

This is a safeguard to keep people safe when they are at their most vulnerable. This will not only protect others but the owner as well. We need laws to protect all Texans.

Kathy Ponce  
Self  
Maypearl, TX

I strongly OPPOSE this bill

Harold Waters

self

Houston, TX

This is excessive and imposes unnecessary burdens on the citizens of this state. Please do not vote for this bill.

Diane McMichael

Self

Austin, TX

Please support. This is common sense and will keep Texans safer.

Jo Foley

self/none

Henderson, TX

I am AGAINST HB 220.

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JAMES JORDAN

Self

CARROLLTON, TX

I OPPOSE ALL anti-gun bills that place further burdens on law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen!  
In order to improve safety, make stiffer penalties for those who commit gun crimes.

trevor s, mr

self - retired

johnson city, TX

please adhere to the second amendement of the constitution and stop trying to subvert said constitution. You were elected to uphold the laws of Texas and support the constitution of th United States - not to impose your personal left wing anti-conservative views on the Texas citizens.

Debbie Carrico, Mrs

SELF AMERICAN

League City, TX

SAY NO TO THIS BILL

Joan Carney

self

Lago Vista, TX

People charged with crimes should not be able to use a revoked or suspended sentence to purchase guns.

Mark Russell

Self

Houston, TX

I am writing to register my opposition to HB 220.

I oppose HB 220 because it will restrict Second Amendment rights.

Therefore I respectfully ask the committee members to vote against HB 220.

Thank you.

Charles Goldsmith, Maintenance supervisor

Self

Victoria, TX

We are private citizens and not a business

Ian Kress

Myself. Engineer.

Nassau Bay, TX

I am against this bill. This bill would require a FFL Dealer to verify with the State that an LTC has not been suspended or revoked before being able to use the LTC for completing a firearms sale. There is no ability of the State to provide this information during the weekends or after business hours, thus making the LTC un-useable for firearms purchase. Persons with LTC's are among the most law abiding of all citizens, and are responsible for minuscule levels of crime. Again, crime is high from big city DA's refusing to bring changes against criminals.

Kelley Rumps

self/retired

The Woodlands, TX

I oppose this bill.

Karen miller

Retired

AUSTIN, TX

This is a good bill for our safety

Nikki Berry, RN

self/ Retired/Disabled RN

Lago Vista, TX

Dear Committee Members,

I am Nikki Berry writing in support of HB 220. I am writing for myself, but in honor of and fear for my disabled twin grand-babies. They have Type 1 Spinal Muscle Atrophy, the most severe, genetic, rare form of Muscular Dystrophy. Gray and Adelaide turned 5 in January, which in itself is a major miracle. The life expectancy for these children is less than 2 years, some very much less. Many die after birth before they ever get diagnosed.

And even though it's a fatal diagnosis, Adelaide can't get Medicaid. Her brother did after spending over 3 months in Dell ICU, almost dying multiple times. He came home with a hole in his throat and one in his gut. That's the only reason he qualified, with the same fatal diagnosis. Same parents, same jobs, same money. There will never be enough money for all these kids' needs.

I wish I could be there to testify with their pictures, they are so precious. That was my plan, but I'm not well enough now. Our children were luckily born after the first real treatments and gene therapy were developed, or they would be dead now in most circumstances.

In this moment, I'm thinking back over all the children and adults who've been slaughtered, in just the last month, by these rifles and other guns. I think about the profound grief of their families and circles of influence.

In this moment, I'm visualizing my grand-babies, so excited to be in kindergarten next August. Sitting in their wheelchairs in their cutest clothes, in front of the class. They are incredibly excited and very smart. Having been so sheltered their entire lives due to their conditions, and Covid. They've never even had a birthday party with other children. And NOW, they'll have friends, real friends. Socialization with their peers. They can hardly wait!

In this moment, I'm horrified at the thought. I can see the maniac blasting away into their classroom, obliterating every five or six year old there. Mine will be first. Who will protect MY kids in wheelchairs? Who will protect any disabled kids who will be sitting ducks?

In this moment, as an RN, my heart is racing, and I can not visualize the sickening carnage. All those kids who will need DNA for identification because their bodies are scattered all over the room. But my precious grand-babies, the only ones I will ever have, won't need DNA. Half of their bodies will still be strapped into those wheelchairs.

David Durkovic

Self - retired

Bryan, TX

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Amanda L'Esperance

Self

Cooper, TX

OPPOSE.