

March 3, 2020

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SCOTT G. DAVIS IN FAVOR OF SB672**

I appreciate the opportunity to present my testimony in favor of SB672 to the members of this committee this afternoon.

I have been a business owner of 20 years and a law abiding gun owner of over 8 years.

I am happy to see a bill such as this presented before the MGA that focuses on real gun crime in lieu of the bills that attack the law abiding gun owner. Stealing a handgun is a serious offense and it is disheartening to know that under current law, the penalty for doing so is very light. I welcome the change from this crime being a misdemeanor to a felony with a first time penalty of imprisonment for not less than 2 years, not exceeding 5 years and/or a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00. I also support the penalties for a second or subsequent conviction of imprisonment for not less than 5 years and not exceeding 10 years and/or a fine not exceeding \$2,500.00.

Laws like this will help get this portion of the criminals out of free society and behind bars for a significant period of time where they belong. We already know that the overwhelming majority of gun crimes are committed with stolen handguns. This will be a sure fire way to process the criminals through the court system that are caught with stolen guns. This will make them pay for their crime instead of a light slap on the wrist. Unfortunately under the current system they can return to the streets the next day to keep doing business as usual.

If this bill becomes law then it will send a clear message to the real gun criminals in this state that their egregious activities are no longer welcome and they are not going to get away with their crimes as they so easily have in the past.

**I am happy to see the MGA going after the bad guys instead of the law abiding gun owners.**

I request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SCOTT G. DAVIS". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

Scott G. Davis