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Testimony in Opposition to HB 910 and SB 958

I oppose both the above mentioned bills on two accounts.

First, the firearms noted in the bills are rarely, if at all, used in crimes thus the bills will have no impact on crime in our state and will only serve to criminalize law abiding citizens perusing their hobby. To make these firearms functional, it would seem to require a great deal of time, effort, equipment, and knowledge. If this were truly an easy path for criminals to acquire guns, why would the statistics not show more of these type of weapons used in crime? It would seem that it is far easier for someone who is prohibited from legally purchasing a firearm to buy one illegally on the street rather than invest all effort it takes to create one.

Secondly, these bills violate rights enumerated by the constitution on many levels. Rights, that are simply not up for debate. Case law has been established and past precedent set. Thus, both bills should receive and unfavorable report and not be advanced.