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Letter written in **Opposition to House Bill 175**

As a firearm owner, access to ammunition is essential to my enjoyment and use of said firearms. The purpose of firearms for myself is primarily target and competitive shooting, but ultimately, firearms ownership is fundamentally about having a right to protect myself, family, and property from the potential threat of criminals. This bill is on par with requiring a background check prior to purchasing gasoline to pressure people into buying an electric car. Felons cannot legally own or purchase ammunition. That does keep them from stealing it, buying and/or trading for it illegally. This bill will not save anyone's life, as criminals do not obey the law. This law will simply inconvenience law abiding citizens who happen to legally own firearms. I support enforcing the laws already on the books such as charging convicted criminals who are caught with illegally possessed firearms and/or ammunition. Too often, when reading about court cases, charges for illegally possessing a firearm are dropped and a real danger to the community are released and set on their way. In the past year, more and more of your constituents have made the decision to exercise their 2nd amendment rights with the purchase of a firearm for defense of their homes and family. Please recognize people are concerned about the violent protesters burning down businesses and homes, killing law abiding citizens, and disrespecting the rule of law. I respect anyone's choice not to own a firearm, that is their right. Please respect my rights and the rights of a significant portion of your constituents and enforce the laws already on the books please.

Respectfully,

David Harman