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To whom it may concern,

I do not approve of Senate Bill 1 (SB0001). Since the federal supreme court ruling in the summer of 2022, the increase in applicants to conceal carry in our state has, understandably, increased rapidly. These men and women are your friends, neighbors, and upstanding law-abiding members of our state. Permit holders are not individuals who are committing acts of public violence, but rather people who stop them. Any restrictions on where and when a legal conceal carrying person can do so, beyond those federally required, is not only without public mandate but creating vulnerable spaces to be exploited by the same threats that have gone unchecked for too long.

The apparent design of such bills is to remove conceal carriers from public spaces. What the writers of this bill seem to misunderstand is that regardless of what the laws are, those who would act violently with a firearm (beyond self-defense) will continue to do as they will without concern. Permit carriers will either not enter these places at all or do so defenseless if they must. The result of laws in this direction are to empower the criminal and strip the lawful of their rights. The police do not have any duty to protect individuals from harm and are not to be relied upon to do so in all circumstances, leaving the only means of security to be in one's own hands. Do not stand between myself and my duty to defend myself and family.

Thank you for your consideration,

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