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We stand in support of this commonsense gun bill.

No bear encountered in the wild is a "teddy bear". We have seen many cases where humans don't realize the unpredictability of wild animals. These animals should be avoided whenever possible. However, *in the event of a chance encounter*, one needs to protect themself and/or loved ones, it **may** be necessary to use one's firearm in the process.

And that's not to mention the possibility of needing to protect themself and/or their loved ones from a human attacker who is also in the park.

We ask that this bill receive a favorable review.