

## Testimony Against HB0937

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB0937.

I am against increasing the sales and use tax rate for sales of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition from 6 percent to 12 percent.

Once again, many in the Legislature are taking actions to put law abiding gun owners in jeopardy.

Since the Supreme Court will not allow many of you to take away our guns or prevent us from buying them, many of you try to make their cost prohibitively expensive by increasing the purchase price.

Even if we can afford the extra cost of ammo and gun accessories in these tough economic times, many of you also try to keep us from using them by increasing the cost of gun purchasing per HB0387.

Many of you try to sell this bill as a way of reducing crimes committed by those with guns. However once again, many of you are making it more difficult for the law abiding from acquiring guns and ammo instead of arresting the criminals and keeping them in jail. Criminals will not be buying guns and ammos from dealers and paying these fees.

All that these two bills will do is to make the less affluent, and probably the most vulnerable to crime, unable to purchase these self defense tools. First we will be defenseless against crime, leading some of us will want better protection from crime. Eventually, this will lead to the tyranny of gun confiscation as was done in Australia.

This is just another gun grabbing bill disguised as a revenue enhancing bill. Please enter an unfavorable report against HB0937 and the related HB0387.

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