

TO: *Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee*

From: Daniel B. Reed

RE: My support for House Bill 228

Date: April 16, 2018

This letter is to inform you that I will be unable to attend the House Hearing on HB 228 as I (and I'm sure thousands of other supporters) will be working to support our families and be productive members of society. Unlike the swarm of millionaire funded, anti-rights activists who will be in attendance at this hearing I still want my voice to be heard as a person who believes in a citizen's right to protect themselves and their families from not only illegal activity by criminals but by tyrannical rule of government as well.

The need for this bill is crucial in solidifying freedom of the individual. The idea that I am guilty till I prove myself innocent is against the basic tenants of a free society. The burden of proof has always been on the state not the accused individual. Why is it different for a law abiding citizen using deadly force with a firearm against a criminal with ill intent?

I also support the removal of the idea that a law abiding citizen MUST retreat from a criminal with malicious intent. Why is a criminal permitted to move freely about and through intimidation or threat force me to retreat? Since when do they have more rights than the good citizen?

I also support the idea of not only reducing but eliminating the penalty of the 'failure to notify' an officer that one is carrying. The officer knows before he comes to my vehicle that I have a CCW and that I am more than likely a law abiding citizens as MOST criminals do NOT go this route in having a firearm. It is idiotic to penalize a citizen who under stress from being pulled over may forget to notify the officer of something he is already aware of.

Again, due to the fact that I am a working citizen and not funded by George Soros, or the Bloomberg anti-gun millionaires I will be unable to attend this hearing. I do however want my voice heard and support the passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

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