

Civil Justice Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 796

Dear Chairman Hambley, Vice Chair Patton and Committee,

Being a teacher who has been through a shooting at my school and being the person that the shooter walked by, there is nothing that having a gun on my person would have changed. Encouraging armed people to shoot another (frequently unarmed) person because they "perceived" the victim to be a threat will simply serve to escalate violence and increase gun deaths and injuries. In fact, the Rand corporation reached just that conclusion in their recent "Mega" study on gun laws. Conversely, there is NO evidence that Stand Your Ground reduces gun violence or better promotes self-defense in states that enact this law. There is absolutely no good reason to pass HB 796. This bill is a recipe for more shootings, injuries and deaths.

Thank you,

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