

September 27, 2018

Dear Senator,

I am writing you today to ask you to oppose HB2060 in the form it is being sent to the Senate from the House. This bill is unacceptable in it's current form and needs to be fixed.

As you know SB501 was passed March 20th of this year with overwhelming support and a 100-0 vote. That bill fixed the broken Protection From Abuse system in this state and I applaud you for supporting it. However HB2060 is nothing like SB501 was, it has mistakes and serious constitutional issues.

I would ask you to introduce and support the following to fix this grave mistake by the House.

- 1) Strip the current language of HB2060
- 2) Insert the language of the passed SB501 bill
- 3) Make two minor technical changes
 - a) Change the number 24 to 48 in two places (relating to the time required to surrender firearms
 - b) Add 'friends' into the list of people that can accept the surrendered firearms

I understand family members will still be excluded and I support that but limiting a person to giving their firearms (and ammunition) to only gun dealers, police or sheriff's offices, or to their attorney is impractical. Gun dealers, police departments and sheriff's offices are not equipped to store a large volume of firearms nor are they willing to take on the liability surround their safe keeping. Giving firearms to an attorney is questionable at best and could actually be illegal.

Secondly where is the money going to come from to help police and sheriffs build (or rent) a climate controlled storage facility? Will this then get pushed to Pennsylvania State Police? If so how will the state police store these at each barrack? Will they then too need money to build something?

Lastly only allowing 24 hours to surrender these items could be incredibly difficult should an order by finalized on a Friday or Saturday and even more so on holiday weekends.

Simply put if this bill goes through in its current form problems are going to arise from the very first case where someone is served with a PFA.

I would ask you again to please fix this flawed bill.

Respectfully Yours,