

HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER: HB 2251

Support X Oppose _____ Neutral _____

Testimony Will Be: In Person Oral _____ Webex Oral _____ Written Only X

For Meeting on March 19, 2021

Testimony By: Megan Langford

On Behalf Of: self

Dear Ms. Bahner and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 2251, the bill which would require relinquishment of firearms pursuant to certain court orders related to domestic violence. As a gun-violence prevention advocate, I urge you to support this bill.

Every month, an average of 53 women in the United States are shot and killed by an intimate partner. Access to a gun makes it five times more likely that a woman will die at the hands of a domestic abuser. When an abuser has been prohibited from possessing firearms, they should not only be prohibited from obtaining new firearms, but also should relinquish guns they may already have. This bill simply helps enforce the current law and closes that dangerous loophole, protecting women and families from armed domestic violence.

Please support HB 2251 and protect survivors of domestic violence.

Thank you,

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