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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 720, HD1 Relating to Firearms

HB 720, HD1 would require that lost, stolen, or destroyed firearms be reported. While this provision might be of limited value, since enforcement would depend upon a showing that the individual knew a firearm was missing, it is perfectly reasonable that an obligation to report be mandated, and gun owners be aware of the expectations that are placed upon them.

I have no doubt that some will find this too onerous a restriction on their right to bear arms, but I would argue that it is a perfectly reasonable obligation to impose.

It appears to me that the prior committees have drawn a fair and proper balance between the rights of gun owners and society's interest in safety. I urge you to act favorably on HB 720, HD1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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