New Hampshire Firearms Coalition

NH's Only No-Compromise Gun Rights Organization

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Dear Representatives:

The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition(NHFC) is an organization comprised of law abiding firearms owner, manufacturers and dealers.

On January 8th, you are scheduled to vote on HB-687, "Red Flag, Gun Confiscation". This bill as well as the amendment proposed in committee [2019-2790h] by the Representative from the town of Merrimack, Rep. Nancy Murphy, violates our Second, Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The bill as well as the amendment also violates numerous sections of the New Hampshire Constitution.

Last spring when the Criminal Justice committee conducted a public hearing on HB 687, gun confiscation, it was abundantly clear that opponents outnumbered supporters. And for good reason, HB 687 deprives individuals of their natural and Constitutional rights without due process by allowing ex-parte hearings, with orders issued by telephone, allowing judges to order the confiscation of a person's firearms without that person even being present. Sure, the accused may be able to have a court hearing after his/her property has been taken but that is not due process. Furthermore, the "accused" would be forced to spend tens of thousands of dollars on attorneys and experts to reclaim their civil right to bear arms. A person who is accused of a crime, even a low level offense retains their Constitutional right to face their accuser and have their day in court before punishment is meted out. However, in the case of HB 687 a person can be deprived of their property without a court hearing.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! As a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, NHFC urges you to OPPOSE HB 687 and any amendments. Please do not force this unconstitutional scheme into law.

Please vote HB 687 "Inexpedient To Legislate"; The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition will keep our members informed of the actions you take on this and other legislation.

Thank you for your consideration

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Secretary, NHFC