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Dear Chairman John Barker and the members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I OPPOSE House Bill HB2220.

As an educator, I am very much opposed to legislation that prevents universities and colleges from enacting regulations to control firearms on campuses.

Because of the high concentration of young adults on college campuses (many of whom are free of parental restraints for the first time or still have not matured sufficiently), and the stress they are under to succeed, colleges and universities need to have that control over weapons on campus.

In addition, the suspected presence of weapons will place a damper on the free exchange of ideas - one of the successful hallmarks of a university and a quality education. More than once I have witnessed students become extremely agitated when their beliefs are challenged. Having a weapon at hand during that situation could put students and faculty in grave danger.

I urge you to vote to help higher learning institutions keep their campuses safe.

Thank you for your consideration,

Roger Sims