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For: Senator Ralph Ostmeyer
Federal and State Affairs Committee

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Remarks concerning SB 331:

In my opinion, this bill is a frivolous reaction to President Obama's Executive Order because of Congressional inaction in Washington, D.C. I believe it is unfairly compared to authentic groups in our society needing protection against discrimination (such as the poor, the working poor, blacks, Latinos, the gay and lesbian communities). There is no honest comparison.

The gun industry is not a threatened industry. The firearms business makes billions of dollars every year. This is an industry that is in large part responsible for 33,000 American deaths per year, over one half the American deaths in the Vietnam War. This bill has nothing to do with the 2nd Amendment. This society actually needs protection from the firearms industry.

This industry is not deserving of non-discrimination protection. The Firearms industry is also not deserving of special status. The 2nd Amendment does not allow discrimination. I urge the Committee to kill SB 331 today.

Respectfully submitted

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