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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 someone who has worked as a hospital social worker for many years, directly dealing with the mental health issues of those coming in and out of hospitals, I strongly believe that handguns on campus and campus hospitals would greatly jeopardize the safety of all who live and work in those areas. Campus environments, particularly hospitals, are often the site of incredibly emotional and oftentimes heated moments due to diagnosis, loss, grief, complications, treatment disagreements, etc, and it is incredibly important that we allow the workers of these institutions to do their jobs and care for the patients and families without worrying about who is carrying a lethal weapon who could injure themselves or others.

Please maintain a higher level of safety on campus grounds by opposing House Bill HB2220.

Thank you for your consideration,

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