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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2278
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Chairman King and Committee Members,

Our associations support the principle of enhanced penalties for thefts and burglaries where firearms are stolen. Firearms that are stolen commonly end up being used in the commission of other crimes, often crimes that are more violent. Enhancing the penalties for these crimes when firearms are the target of the theft is the most direct way to send the message to these dangerous criminals and to keep them off the streets longer. The hope will be to deter the thefts from occurring in the first place.

Clearly once a burglar or thief has stolen a weapon, they present a much higher risk of injury or death to an intervening homeowner or to law enforcement during the apprehension. The increased risk they pose should not go unnoticed in the term of their sentencing.

We support HB 2278 as amended by the House Committee. We encourage you to recommend the bill favorable for passage.

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