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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 the wife of a university professor, I am all too well aware that college students stand at a tipping point between adolescence and adulthood. They are under incredible pressure at school and still learning how to make good choices. Time and time again we have seen the results of weapons on college campuses across our country- and there are hundreds of heartbroken families and friends whose lives have been forever changed by the actions of a student with a gun.

Universities and colleges must be empowered to make safety regulations on campus, especially including those concerned with guns and ammunition, in order to keep their communities safe. These learning communities must be safe and welcoming; regulating weapons on campus is an integral part of maintaining a safe environment.

Thank you for your consideration, Cynthia Sharpe