

Matt Carnagie

From: C Mitzel <cathy.mitzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: HB 4416

Representative Carnagie,

We oppose HB 4416.

Seriously, explain to us again why insane PERMITLESS carry, more guns, and violence is a good thing ?!? This appears to be the reasoning of congressional people Not concerned with our safety!

Extremely concerned citizens,
Chris & Cathy Mitzel
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Matt Carnegie

From: Carleen Maly <cmaly@adrianrealiteracy.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Vote NO

Please and thank you, I beg you to vote NO on Michigan House Bill 4416.
Carleen Maly
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Adrian, MI 49221

Matt Carnegie

From: Karen McKnight Casey <caseyk@msu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:52 AM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Opposition to House Bill 4416

Dear Mr. Carnegie:

I am writing to state my strong opposition to Michigan House Bill 4416, which would allow the carrying of a loaded, concealed handgun without a license, background check or safety training! Regardless of how one interprets the Second Amendment, allowing essentially any person in Michigan to be able to carry a hidden, loaded pistol, with no questions asked is simply dangerous and reckless!

I agree with the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence that:

- Permissive concealed carry laws violate the shared expectation that public places will be safe environments free from guns and gun violence.
- Permitless carry makes it much harder for law enforcement to identify prohibited people, like felons and dangerous domestic abusers, who are illegally carrying guns in public.
- People carrying hidden, loaded handguns in public create unnecessary risks of intentional or accidental shootings.
- Carrying concealed weapons increases the risk that everyday disagreements will escalate into shootouts, especially in places where disputes frequently occur—in bars, at sporting events, and in traffic.

Please record my strong opposition to House Bill 4416!

Sincerely,
Karen McKnight Casey
838 S. Harbor Dr.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

My name is Stuart Dombey, a British trained Physician, who has lived in the USA for the last thirty years. I am a US citizen and a member of the Physicians for the Prevention of Gun Violence.

The Sponsors of these bills know that in the USA guns caused 33,636 deaths in 2013 or about 100 people each day: that 48 children and teens are injured by guns on average every day of whom 7 die: and that in Michigan gun related deaths now exceed road traffic deaths. It is highly likely that more people carrying guns will lead to more accidents and probably more deaths.

So why are these Bills being proposed? What is the problem that these Bills address and solve?

Just as a comparison in the UK the death rate from guns is about 1 in a million of total population equivalent to 10 deaths per year in Michigan compared with the actual figure of 1100. Please vote against this Bill and get back to trying to reduce gun violence and unnecessary deaths.

Thank you.

Matt Carnegie

From: Susan Heeres <heeres.susan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Fwd: MI House Bill 4416

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From: Susan Heeres <heeres.susan@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 16, 2017 at 10:23 AM
Subject: re: MI House Bill 4416
To: Clerk@house.mi.gov

Clerk and Judiciary Committee Members,

I spent over 30 years as a teacher of young children in Michigan. During those years I saw freedoms of children and the atmosphere of the schools decline. Part of this is due to the proliferation of guns in our communities. When I started teaching in the 70's locked buildings, locked classroom doors and lock downs were unheard of. In the last 10 years of my career these were common practices.

We had lock down practices where we had to have the little children quickly huddle to a corner of the room, hopefully out of the view of windows. This caused a great deal of anxiety and confusion among the students.

We also had actual lock downs when there was fear of a person with a weapon on the school grounds. Perhaps an angry parent, a parent whose rights to his/her children had been terminated or a parent unhappy with a teacher or administrator of the school.

Each of these events take away from the feeling of school as a safe space for both students and employees. They create anxiety, unease and fear.

House Bill 4416 permitting concealed weapons without licensing, background checks or safety training will just increase these fear of schools not being safe places. We do not need MORE ways to kill or injure people in our society...we need LESS.
Do not allow this bill to become law.

Sincerely, Susan Heeres
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Battle Creek, MI 49015

Matt Carnagie

From: Raymond Thibeault <fourscorefour@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: The Folley of Permit-less Carry

Please, please, please do whatever is possible to defeat the permit-less carry bill. The bill **defies basic common sense**, and its passage would greatly endanger our society.

Thank you.

Raymond Thibeault
427 LaSalle Blvd
Lansing, MI 48912

HB4416

Honorable Representatives,

My name is Andrew Zweifler. I live in Ann Arbor. I am a physician, specialist in Internal Medicine with a focus on preventive medicine, now retired. I am here today to recommend that you reject HB 4416.

Allowing people to carry a concealed handgun with no license, background check or safety training is a prescription for disaster. Simple disagreements over driving etiquette or political preferences can quickly move from insults to gunfire. Additionally, since Michigan is a "Stand Your Ground" state, the use of lethal force is justified outside of the home when there is threat of bodily harm. Given the level of racial tension in society at this time, the perception of a threat can too easily be exaggerated and result in a deadly interaction, particularly when racial difference is involved. This bill is not only unnecessary – it is dangerous.

I urge you to vote against HB 4416.

Thank you.

Honorable Representatives-

I am a retired former board certified family physician and a leader of 500 Michigan physicians named Physicians for the Prevention of Gun Violence. I have lost patients to gun death. I have also been a party to the care of many gunshot victims as a medical expert with many who are wheelchair bound for life after a shooting caused grievous wounds.

We have 25 times the victims than other western countries and are a huge outlier compared to them. Each week about 1500 gunshot victims are admitted to US hospitals. Gunshot patients are very expensive patients in care with long hospital stays. When someone gets shot he often goes from good health to a long-term patient in that moment. Gunshots ruin lives and are a serious cause of cost for our state. Incredibly, gun violence costs annually up to \$230 billion in the US. And much of the hospital cost is borne by the public through Medicaid and Medicare.

So I want to speak to this new bill. This is a dangerous bill. We know many additional facts that lead to that conclusion.

1. The U.S. is the leader in gun deaths. 80% of the gun deaths in the developed Western countries come from the US. Our 36,000 deaths are outpacing auto deaths and have already done so in Michigan. As with autos more guns have led to more deaths.
2. With automobiles lives are saved by demanding drivers are trained and tested and removing the licenses from some who had seizures, poor vision, etc. Similarly, training and licensing of guns is an important safety issue. A small, but very significant number of applicants are now denied a permit because they are unqualified due to health or emotional concerns.
3. Women who are domestic violence victims are up to 5 times more likely to die if their abuser has a gun. More abusers will be able to carry under this law.
4. Homicide is a major cause of death in pregnancy. Easy carry laws increase this risk. This is a "right to life" issue. No one wants a pregnant woman and her unborn child harmed or killed!
5. We know that guns and alcohol or drugs don't mix. Substance users will find it easier to carry and violence can follow.
6. Finally, concealed carry is already common in Michigan with nearly 500,000 permits- about 7%- or 1 in 15 persons. This is almost 10 times the number (52,000) as in 2001. Many people already have a permit. It is hard to see the need to make it easier to carry.
7. Police in many states are opposed to these law changes.

The Wisconsin Professional Police Association is overwhelmingly opposed to a similar bill. Jim Palmer, the executive director said, "the current law provides a minimal amount of training and that serves police and the community at large well."

The Gulfport, Mississippi the police chief Leonard Papania said, "We are a gun society and we recognize that, but we should be writing gun laws that make us safer. Do you want every incident on your street to escalate to acts of gun violence?"

And in Texas, Austin Police Chief Acevedo said, "You can't be the party of law and order and not listen to your police chiefs."

In summary, this bill is not in the public interest. It will make law enforcement more difficult and dangerous. It will lead to more deaths and injuries. It will be too easy for a person with a history that

Testimony for HB 4416
May 16, 2017

Firearms are one of the only products made for the purpose of killing. This fact alone should be enough to require all firearms be held to the highest level of product safety regulation and training for ownership. To most Americans this seems logical. In fact, the idea that lawmakers wouldn't be doing everything in their power to raise the bar for firearms ownership and public safety, seems at best counter productive, but for the victims of gun violence, it is a complete betrayal by their elected officials. With over 30,000 gun deaths each year and public opinion in favor of expanded background checks, the idea that this or any governing body would be poised to make it easier to buy and carry a gun would be laughable, if it wasn't so tragic.

I've been in the gun violence prevention movement since 1999 and I'm very familiar with the mantra used by the gun lobby whenever new gun legislation is presented. "We don't need new laws. We just need to enforce the laws that are already in existence." But apparently that isn't enough. We have a CPL permit process that provides a much-needed layer of protection to our citizens, but instead of just enforcing it, certain members of our current legislature want to get rid of it. This isn't only a shift in position, it ignores the facts.

But it seems we now live in a time of alternate facts and disregard for science and data to inform legislation. For example...

FACT: The homicide rate has fallen sharply in the last 50 years, yet we're hearing today that we need to carry our guns wherever we go for protection. Our President feeds the Twitter universe with a steady diet of fear propaganda aimed at potential terrorists, yet in

2014- 33,599 Americans died by firearms and 32 were killed by terrorists.

FACT: We know that most gun deaths occur as a result of suicide NOT bad guys breaking into our homes or mass school shootings, yet here we are today arguing whether or not we should make it easier for the so-called law-abiding citizen to carry their firearms into places where they might fall into the hands of children or people who might be a danger to themselves or others.

FACT: States with the highest gun ownership also have the highest rates of gun deaths. Yet here we are today considering peeling off another layer of protection by eliminating the Cpl permit potentially increasing the number of guns in the civilian population.

FACT: We know that 87% of firearm deaths of children take place in the home and 82% of firearms used in suicides by kids under 18 are owned by their parents or family member, yet here we are considering a way to make it easier to carry those same guns – those guns owned by law-abiding citizens out in public places where they can be misplaced or stolen.

FACT: Study after study has shown that gun laws work. Journal of the American Medical Association and Internal Medicine, Harvard Injury Control Research Center, Georgetown University, to name a few, have shown that states with the strictest gun laws have fewer gun deaths. Yet, here we are, in yet another case of Michigan's race to the bottom. Instead of working together to make our state a leader in preventing gun violence, we're doing our best to ignore real facts about firearm ownership and use. Why must we bow to some alternate universe based on the vision of everyone wearing a gun on their hip ready to pick off a bad guy at a moment's notice. This scenario is not grounded in reality or fact, but rather a Hollywood fantasy promoted by the gun lobby and its irrational fear-based marketing.

Many in the room today have a different fantasy. A dream. A dream of living in a state where its elected officials who, instead of spending their time, energy and our tax dollars weakening gun laws based on alternative facts, would work together to make strict gun laws based on real facts that would keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them.

Sherri Masson-
Million Mom March United with the Brady Campaign to Prevent
Gun Violence
760 Milford Glen Dr.
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16 May 2017

Clerk of the House Judiciary Committee

Clerk@house.mi.gov

RE: HB 4416 (17,18,19 and similar) PERMITLESS CARRY FIREARMS LEGISLATION

Dear Chairman Runestad and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I write this brief statement to express my complete opposition to all the bills referenced above as well as earlier bills that were also referred to the Judiciary Committee (4003, 4005).

The reckless nature of these bills to willfully amend current law concerning the licensing and training requirements for obtaining a Concealed Carry Permit is astounding! What can Rep. Lucido and others be thinking? What can you on the Judiciary Committee be thinking?

How would passage of these bills enhance the public health and public safety of all the residents of Michigan – residents you represent and who daily are dealing with unintentional shootings that result in death and injury, as well as high levels of gun suicide? Fully 2/3rds of gun deaths in the United States and therefore Michigan are suicide deaths. Some of these are about murder of a spouse or co-worker followed by the suicide of the shooter. The yearly average of death by firearms in Michigan is over 1200 residents, as referenced from public safety sources quoted by MLIVE in an August 2015 article; statistics from 2008-2013. There are now more deaths from firearms in the state than in automobile crashes. That you propose to REMOVE the final safeguards currently in Michigan law as to who may obtain a CCP, after already ending local county gun board jurisdiction from the permitting process, these bills would end the permitting process completely! How does that help anyone? This proposed legislation will not help the first grader or the mom or dad concerned for their safety in public or private schools. This proposed legislation will not make life better or safer for the public safety officer making a routine traffic stop. This proposed legislation will not make local officials safer in their day to day work responsibilities, or librarians or their patrons, or people enjoying a beer after a sporting event, or the college student seeking an education.

It is still my opinion that people who seek to serve the public through elected office choose to do so because they want to support the well being of all their constituents. Your constituents are not just the adults who may have voted for you. Your constituents include the kindergarten child and the elementary school child and the high school student who do not vote. You are proposing legislation that effects the future of how we live together in the state. By choosing to initiate and seek to legitimate such legislation you effectively and totally deny the oath of office you have sworn. This is an ethical transgression and shame of the deepest order.

Therefore, I urge you and all your committee to realize how your decision creates the world you and your constituents will inhabit. That world will either promote public health, safety and well-being of everyone or it will not. I urge you to VOTE NO on these wrong-headed and wrong-hearted packages of bills.

Yours truly,

Rev. Linda C. MacDonald

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Matt Carnagie

From: Rachel Thorpe <rachelceline15@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: NO on Michigan House Bill 4416

Hello, My name is Rachel Thorpe an I live in Ypsilanti (48197). I must urge the House Judiciary Committee to vote 'no' on this dangerous and reckless bill. Allowing citizens to concealed carry loaded firearms without any kind of background check or licensing is downright insane.

Rachel C. Thorpe

Matt Carnagie

From: Lois Furry <furry@uadv.msu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Matt Carnagie
Cc: Rep. Tom Cochran (District 67)
Subject: Michigan House Bill 4416

As a citizen, I am deeply troubled by the thought of permitless carry becoming legal in Michigan.

The expectation is that an armed person will use his or her handgun judiciously to apply deadly force only when absolutely required and not a moment before. A quick google search will reveal multiple cases where such judicious use was not carried out in Michigan already in recent years even with permits. Such as a woman—not in any way personally threaten—who decided to use her gun to fire upon an alleged shop-lifter in a crowded parking lot in the Detroit area.

This bill portends to recognize an individual's constitutional right to keep and bear arms for self-defense in whatever manner he or she chooses. This is not what the Second Amendment guarantees and to enact legislation as if it is, is an affront to the safety of us all.

Sincerely,

Lois Furry

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Matt Carnagie

From: D D <my3dav@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Rep. Jim Runestad (District 44); Rep. Lana Theis (District 42); Rep. Martin Howrylak (District 41); Rep. Triston Cole (District 105); Rep. Pamela Hornberger (District 32); Rep. Beau LaFave (District 108); Rep. Tim Greimel (District 29); Rep. Rose Mary Robinson (District 4); Rep. Vanessa Guerra (District 95); Rep. William Sowerby (District 31); Matt Carnagie
Subject: Re: Support HB4416-HB4419

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee

I am emailing the committee to express my support for the above package of legislation.

It is about time Michigan get in step with the rest of the country, our gun laws have been a mess, and behind the times for so many years.

Michigan should be leading the charge, not following.

Please have my comments added to the record.

Thank you

David Dellinger
Registered Voter
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Senate District 13
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Rochester Hills, MI 48307
248-622-7090

Matt Carnagie

From: tedlasker@excite.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 1:02 AM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: permitless carry

Sir,

Regarding HB 4416:

When the Legislature decides that permitless carry should be allowed in the State House and the other houses of government, then and only then will I believe that the lawmakers who are promoting this madness actually believe in it. It is folly, and it WILL inevitably cost many lives, perhaps even the lives of people you love. Guns kill people much more often than they save lives. The evidence is overwhelming. But, as I said, if you really believe, against all the evidence, that allowing permitless carry is a good idea for our State, then kindly start by allowing it in the State Legislature and Galleries, the Courts, the Governor's Mansion, etc.

Thank you for your consideration,
Edward Lasker
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Matt Carnagie

From: dawheaton53@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:52 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: No on HB 4416

To the judiciary committee ,

As a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense and a registered voter in Michigan , I DEMAND THAT YOU VOTE NO on the house bill 4416, allowing loaded guns to be carried without permits ,training, or background checks! I'm not even sure who thought this was worth discussion and vote! This is not the Wild West and we don't need more guns on the streets for anyone to settle a score with.

I see no purpose in passing this kind of legislation - end it now with a solid NO vote today !

Thank you

Dawn Wheaton

Kalamazoo, mi

Sent from my iPad

Matt Carnagie

From: Kathy Hasty <kathyfhasty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:06 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: Re permitless carry

Please say no to this permitless carry! To have this level of freedom, people would need to be much more self-disciplined and much more morally and emotionally mature than many are. We would be opening the door to more impulsive and tragic violence.

Sincerely,
Kathy hasty

Matt Carnegie

From: Karen Donahue <KDonahue@mercywmw.org>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:45 PM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Vote NO on House Bill 4416

I strongly oppose House Bill 4416 which would allow individuals to carry a hidden, loaded hand gun with no license, background check or safety training. This legislation jeopardizes the life and safety of every person in Michigan and should be soundly defeated. I am appalled that our lawmakers would even be considering such a bill. Please vote NO on House Bill 4416.

Karen M. Donahue
1450 Sixth St
Detroit MI 48226-2404

Matt Carnagie

From: Miller, Steven <mill1707@anr.msu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 8:45 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: HB 4416

The very nature of HB 4416 should make Michigan representatives recoil in horror. This bill will increase the incidence of violence, put Michigan police officers further in harm's way, and promotes the irresponsible ownership of lethal weapons. Michigan and the rest of the US needs to reign in the ubiquitous public possession of firearms that gives rise to deadly confrontations and promotes a general disregard for the responsibility of gun ownership. Let common sense triumph and kill this bill in committee.

Respectfully,
Steve R. Miller, Ph.D.

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Matt Carnagie

From: Judith Holtz <nomeel1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 8:16 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: House Bill 4416

To whom it may concern,

I have taken the classes required for a CPL, and while I have let my license lapse, I cannot imagine what the legislature can be thinking by the introduction of this bill. I have also served as a District Court Magistrate for the past 25 years and have seen the destruction that the use of weapons has wrought. It's bad enough that people resort to resolving differences with guns today that might have been resolved with fists years ago, but to think that eliminating the minimal requirements of our current law would be better is ridiculous!

How many mentally ill people do we need to have armed? How many suspicious people do we need to allow weapons? How many more children need to be killed? How many home-grown terrorists should we enable? This bill is beyond the pale of a civilized society. Please, please eliminate it immediately. Anyone who votes for this bill should face immediate recall!

I am a registered voter, who always votes. Anyone who votes for this outrageous affront to sanity will never get my vote.

Thank you for your time.

Judith A. Holtz
West Bloomfield, MI

Matt Carnagie

From: Jean Norman <jvnorman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:49 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: Permitless Carry

Vote No on permitless Carry. It will not make us safer. It will kill more than it saves.

Jean Norman
Livonia Michigan 48154

Matt Carnagie

From: Clarence Stamm <stamm1p@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:38 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: gun carry

Hi: no one should be able to carry permitless guns. they should go thru a background check also . how many people are going to be killed because of the nra and their lobbying.

patricia stamm west branch,mi. 48661

Matt Carnegie

From: Leah's Aol <leahmarx@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:58 PM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Vote no on permitless carry

Sent from my iPhone

Matt Carnagie

From: Bill Ardy <lhfinc8@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Rep. Jim Runestad (District 44)
Cc: Matt Carnagie
Subject: House Bills 4416, 4417, 4418, and 4419

Dear Mr. Runestad,

As a CPL holder I urge you and your committee NOT to enact the the specific House bill that now requires CPL license for concealed carry, I believe it is 4416. I fear granting the privilege of carrying a firearm without the requirements of the training a CPL provides, will lead to many more firearm incidents than we already have (albeit many of the firearms are used illegally), leading to more injury and death, some of which will be accidental, due to the untrained use of how to safely handle a firearm which CPL training provides. Additionally, more firearm discharges and incidents, whether a discharge occurs or not, will further tax law enforcement. If the only argument for not requiring proper licensing is the cost and time to obtain the license, then require the cost to be nominal and determine a method of lessening the time to receive to license.

The bill to repeal the requirement for a CPL in order to carry a firearm is a very bad idea. If enacted, it will only be a matter of time before it itself is repealed. Unfortunately much unnecessary mayhem and grief will have occurred.

Most s
incerely,

William G. Ardy
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Grand Rapids, MI 49546



Matt Carnagie

From: Louis Martin <lmartinsvcs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: HB 4416

Dear Mr. Carnagie,

I am writing to you in your capacity as the clerk for the Michigan House Judiciary Committee. As you are well aware, the Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow, May 15. Included on the agenda is a discussion about House Bill 4416 which would expand the opportunity for Michigan citizens to carry concealed weapons. From what has been described in press releases, this bill allows permitted concealed carry of weapons such as handguns without safeguards such as gun registration, proof of safety training and without the benefit of background checks prior to engaging in concealed carry.

As a Michigan citizen who has seen the impact of gun violence escalate in our state, I disagree with the notion that our state becomes safer when we maximize the ease with which people can purchase, carry and use weapons without any checks and balances all in the name of freedom.

Police departments are not in favor of this bill. They are the ones who are most at risk ultimately, if we increase not only access to easy purchase of guns but also promote permitless carry.

Thanks for your consideration.

Louis R. Martin

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Matt Carnagie

From: Martinfarm <martinfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: HB 4416

Dear Mr. Carnagie,

I am writing as you prepare for the judiciary committee meeting on Tuesday, May 15. Included on the agenda is a discussion about House Bill 4416 which would expand the opportunity for Michigan citizens to carry concealed weapons. From what has been described in press releases, this bill allows permitted concealed carry of weapons such as handguns without safeguards such as gun registration, proof of safety training and without the benefit of background checks prior to engaging in concealed carry.

As a Michigan citizen who has seen the impact of gun violence escalate in our state, I disagree with the notion that our state becomes safer when we maximize the ease with which people can purchase, carry and use weapons without any checks and balances all in the name of freedom.

Police departments are not in favor of this bill. They are the ones who are most at risk ultimately, if we increase not only access to easy purchase of guns but also promote permitless carry.

Thanks for your consideration.

Mary Ann Martin

Matt Carnagie

From: Strom, Lori <stroml@msu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:17 PM
To: House Clerk
Cc: Rep. Jim Runestad (District 44); Rep. Lana Theis (District 42); Rep. Martin Howrylak (District 41); Rep. Triston Cole (District 105); Rep. Pamela Hornberger (District 32); Rep. Beau LaFave (District 108); Rep. Tim Greimel (District 29); Rep. Rose Mary Robinson (District 4); Rep. Vanessa Guerra (District 95); Rep. William Sowerby (District 31); Matt Carnagie
Subject: I oppose HB 4416
Attachments: 2017 May 13 HB 4416.docx

May 13, 2017

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose HB 4416.

I disagree with this bill because I think it is dangerous to allow people to carry a hidden, loaded handgun with no license, background check, or safety training.

If this bill is passed public places will not be safe. Ordinary citizens have a right to feel safe in public.

Why put innocent children and citizens at risk of accidental and intentional shootings? Why have unnecessary violence?

Why make it more difficult for the police to capture criminals who misuse guns and injure or kill others?

If gun enthusiasts want to own guns that is their right. But they should be given mandatory background checks and be required to have a license.

Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
Lori Strom

Lori Strom
stroml@msu.edu

Matt Carnegie

From: Dawn R. Wolfe <dawnr.wolfe2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Michigan House Bill 4416

Dear Clerk Carnegie,

I am writing in strong opposition to this reckless, harmful bill. In Michigan we don't let people drive a car without requiring minimum training in the safe operation of a vehicle, and we insist that at minimum drivers are licensed/carry identification and have insurance.

If my understanding is correct, this insane bill would allow anyone to carry a concealed handgun -- the only purpose of which is to kill or maim other people -- without even the safeguards we require of drivers on our roads!

Given the horrible problems with gun violence in the US, I can't believe any sane person who is not being generously bribed by the NRA would even consider voting for this bill.

Thank you for your time and attention in passing this along to the Michigan Representatives on the House Judiciary Committee.

Dawn Weirauch
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Matt Carnegie

From: Jeffrey Duncan <a2duncans@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:28 AM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: House Bill 4416

Dear Mr. Carnegie--

My name is Dr. Jeffrey L. Duncan, and I am emailing you to register my protest against House Bill 4416. I am not anti-second amendment, but as even the NRA once agreed, there must be sensible gun regulation. Thank you.



Deep Faith, Courageous Spirit, Action for Justice.

May 9, 2017

To the Michigan House Judiciary Committee

Rep. Jim Runestad – Committee Chair
Rep. Lana Theis – Majority Vice-Chair
Rep. Martin Howrylak
Rep. Triston Cole
Rep. Pamela Hornberger
Rep. Beau LaFave
Rep. Tim Greimel – Minority Vice-Chair
Rep. Rose Mary Robinson
Rep. Vanessa Guerra
Rep. William Sowerby

I am writing to urge you to oppose House Bill 4416 that would allow Michigan citizens to carry a hidden, loaded handgun with no license, background check or safety training.

Recognizing the escalation of violence in our world, and especially its impact on women and children, the IHM Sisters choose to act with diligence in the pursuit of peace and non-violence. Allowing anyone to carry a hidden, loaded pistol – no questions asked – is reckless. Our state legislature would never let someone drive a car without obtaining proper training and a license. Why would you consider passing a law letting someone carry a concealed firearm without doing so?

A review of Concealed Pistol License reports from the Michigan State Police tells us that of the number of applicants for a CPL, 3,040 were disqualified, 1,928 were suspended, and 2,054 were revoked. This legislation would allow guns in the hands of people who shouldn't have them. Additionally, according to a recent poll from Americans for Responsible Solutions, 88 percent of gun owners overwhelmingly support requiring a license to carry a concealed firearm.

For those supporting responsible gun ownership, HB 4416 is a step in the wrong direction. Please do not let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Herb, IHM, PhD – President

On behalf of the Leadership Council – Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
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Matt Carnegie

From: Mary MacLeod <mecmacleod@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 7:13 AM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Testimony on HB 4416

To Matt Carnegie as Testimony on HB 4416

We are turning Michigan into an untrusting, cynical state. There is no good that comes from raising kids in that kind of defensive environment. Fear is hurting us as much as guns but guns are creating an unavoidable society of suspicion and fear that makes us our worst as humans.

As a mother, and someone who loves the people who will be emotionally and socially changed - if not shot - I beg our state not to descend into uncivil hate and social breakdown.

According to the Coalition, a review of Concealed Pistol License (CPL) reports from the Michigan State Police tells us that of the number of applicants for a CPL, 3,040 were disqualified, 1,928 were suspended, and 2,054 were revoked in the most recent report. The argument will be made that we should not "inconvenience" "law abiding" citizens, however, the mean amount of time it takes for FBI clearance is just 9 hours.

A recent poll just out from Americans for Responsible Solutions indicated "Gun owners overwhelmingly support requiring a permit to carry concealed. Nearly 9 out 10 gun owners, 88 percent, believe the requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should remain in place."

Please don't foster more distrust and senseless death.

Mary MacLeod
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Sent from my iPhone

Matt Carnagie

From: Julia Gillespie <julia@lessismo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: Bill 4416

Matt,

I am writing to voice my extreme concern over proposed bill 4416. I understand that it was to be on the docket for tomorrow's meeting which I just learned has now been cancelled.

I cannot voice my concern and dismay enough. Are we living in the Wild West? Do we feel no sense of order or safety? By eliminating this law, you are giving license – for anyone to carry a concealed weapon WITHOUT A LICENSE.

It is shameful, reckless and will have DIRE CONSEQUENCES. Gun laws exist to protect –

But let's put gun safety and regulation aside...has anyone considered the financial implications of your (your committees) actions? You will be eliminating a strong tax base. Eliminating tax dollars that this state sorely needs. The State GOP seems hell-bent on eliminating taxes, yet has no plans for replacing etc. The state is crumbling. CRUMBLING.

So, I Julia Gillespie who lives in Huntington Woods, MI (48070) am strongly urging your committee to VOTE NO for bill 4416.

Regards,

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Matt Carnagie

From: Sarah Nash <snash@ihmsisters.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 4:06 PM
To: House Clerk; Matt Carnagie
Cc: Rep. Jim Runestad (District 44); Rep. Lana Theis (District 42); Rep. Martin Howrylak (District 41); Rep. Triston Cole (District 105); Rep. Pamela Hornberger (District 32); Rep. Beau LaFave (District 108); Rep. Tim Greimel (District 29); Rep. Rose Mary Robinson (District 4); Rep. Vanessa Guerra (District 95); Rep. William Sowerby (District 31)
Subject: IHM Sisters Testimony on Michigan HB 4416
Attachments: 05.09.17 Letter on Michigan HB 4416.pdf

Good afternoon,

I am submitting the attached testimony on HB 4416 on behalf of the IHM Sisters of Monroe Michigan.

I ask that this testimony be distributed to the Judiciary Committee members and read into the record during tomorrow's (May 10, 2017) House Judiciary Committee meeting,

I urge the committee members to vote "No" on HB 4416 when it is considered.

Respectfully,

Sarah Nash
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Matt Carnagie

From: Dobson, Tracy <dobson@msu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: HB 4416

Dear Mr. Carnagie,

I am deeply concerned by the recently introduced HB 4416. This bill is truly insane. We need to regulate guns. They are DANGEROUS!

A recent poll just out from Americans for Responsible Solutions indicated that "gun owners overwhelmingly support requiring a permit to carry concealed weapons. Nearly 9 out of 10 gun owners, 88 percent, believe the requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should remain in place.

The general public favors, by 90%, background checks for those seeking to own guns. This bill runs counter to public demands and is just plain crazy.

Please convey my concerns to the committee members who will be considering this bill this week.

Thank you.

Tracy Dobson, J.D.
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Matt Carnegie

From: Carla Melvin <carlamelvin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: Gun Carry

Dear Mr. Carnegie,

I beg of you to do what you can to STOP any legislation that would make it easier for Michiganders to carry hand guns — ESPECIALLY concealed, without back ground checks, training or permits.

The idea of that on the streets of our beautiful State, with all the possible horrific consequences to innocent Michiganders or visitors, breaks my heart and sounds like a disastrous nightmare about to happen.

How is this proposal even possible? Have we really all gone mad?!!!

Please please help to maintain civility in these ever increasing volatile times.

Peace,

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Rothbury, MI

Matt Carnegie

From: Tim and Virginia DeMumbrum <tvjandgd@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 11:00 PM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: House Bill 4416

I am unable to attend Wednesday's hearing, but would like the committee to be made aware of my views regarding House Bill 4416.

According to my reading of this bill (no summary or analysis is available online at this point), anyone not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm will be allowed to carry a concealed weapon. They will be able to do this without getting a permit or receiving any training. Since no permit or training is required, it is not clear to me how law enforcement will be able to easily determine if someone carrying a concealed weapon is or is not legally allowed to do so.

I am not an anti-gun zealot; my family owns two guns. However, this bill is dangerous, unnecessary, and contrary to the will of the people of this state. A recent poll indicates that nearly 9 out of 10 gun owners believe the requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should remain in place. It is probably safe to say that at least that many non-gun-owners agree with them. This is common sense. Requiring a permit does not infringe on the rights of any law-abiding citizens.

Please do not vote this bill out of committee.

One last comment, just out of curiosity - why are concealed daggers, dirks, and stilettos going to remain illegal, even as concealed firearms are made legal? Just seems odd.

Sincerely,

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Matt Carnagie

From: Leon Vanrees <leonvnr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Matt Carnagie
Subject: HB4416

Please do not pass House Bill 4416 into law. We have too many guns on the streets of Muskegon now. Leon Van Rees 263 Merrill Av Muskegon Mi.

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Leon Van Rees

Matt Carnegie

From: barbara@barbaracraftlaw.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Matt Carnegie
Subject: HB 4416 Permit-less guns in Michigan

Mr. Carnegie,

Please convey my strong opposition to HB4416.

As an attorney who has practice family law in Michigan for 4 decades, the thought of this legislation becoming Michigan law is frightening.

I have represented countless survivors of domestic violence who live in terror before and after then have separated from their assailants. Without background checks, there is no way to determine whether a personal protection order is in place that would prohibit an assailant from owning a gun.

I have also represented people who, in the midst of intense emotions, engage in behavior that is not rational and that they are haunted by for the rest of their lives.

Issuing guns without a permitting process will make our state a more dangerous place. Committee members considering this shocking piece of legislation should defeat it resoundingly.

Sincerely,

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Matt Carnagie

From: Scott William Marsh <smarsh3386@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 3:15 PM
To: House Clerk; Rep. Jim Runestad (District 44); Rep. Lana Theis (District 42); Rep. Martin Howrylak (District 41); Rep. Triston Cole (District 105); Rep. Tim Greimel (District 29); Rep. Rose Mary Robinson (District 4); Rep. Vanessa Guerra (District 95); Rep. William Sowerby (District 31)
Subject: House Bill 4416
Attachments: PastedGraphic-3.tiff

Representatives,

Late one night when I was twenty two I with my two friends walked in a bad part of Grand Rapids MI. We had been up all night and our wits were certainly not with us. My friends had convinced me that the sunrise view over a particular part of town was worth seeing. So we ventured out into the night as to arrive in time to see it. As we walked we pasted by old housing and flickering street lamps, soon we found ourselves being followed by three white men who were in a gang. They confronted us and started using racial slurs in a white supremacist sort of way. While talking with us, one of the white gang members showed us his gun tucked inside his pants. It was clear to us at the time to agree with what they were saying despite the hateful speech, our lives could very well be at stake if we confronted them. None of us were armed, and as i recount on the events of that evening I doubt very much that if we were armed that I would be writing you this today.

Suddenly the white gang members turned violent and punched my two friends. The gun previously being brandished was drawn and pointed at us. I don't remember what he yelled, all I remember was things slowing down and backing away from the event, seeing my two friends each take a punch to the face. I was frozen in fear and felt helpless. The white gang then ran away without a shot fired as a group of black men, whom I assume were in a rival gang ran towards us. The black men checked on us and helped my friends off the ground. I credit these men with saving our lives.

Even in with the experience I have had, BEING THREATENED WITH MY LIFE, I STRONGLY DISAGREE with House bill 4416. Guns in the hands of more people during this situation would have pushed the tension to a breaking point. Guns in the hands of more people would have ended a life and more importantly a future. As I write you I am enrolled at a UMC Seminary in Chicago.

I have dedicated my life to peaceful and loving action because as I saw that barrel pointed at myself and people i cared for I knew even in that moment that a gun in the hands of a "good guy" still only brings death.

Please vote against House Bill 4416 and remember what the prophet Micah (4:3) and Isaiah (2:4) both said:
"God will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."

Thank you for your time,

Scott Marsh



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Matt Carnagie

From: David Winkelstern <ahfungi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 12:54 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject: Permitless Gun Bill

Greetings:

Please add my name to the majority of Michigan voters who oppose a permitless gun bill. To allow unrestricted carry is wrong on so many levels. Only tragic consequences will result in such foolhardy legislation. And if that is the outcome, you will be held responsible for any following gun-related horrors you helped make happen. Blood shed by innocent adults and children will be on your hands.

Sincerely,

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Matt Carnagie

From: Robert Brinkerhoff <robert.brinkerhoff@wmich.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 2:53 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject: Opposed to HLB 4416

Please register my family's strongest possible opposition to the dangerous legislation proposed in HB 4416. We believe the passage of this law would further threaten the safety of Michigan residents and all visitors to our state.
Thank you

Robert O. Brinkerhoff
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Matt Carnagie

From: Betty J Sanford <sanford@msu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 12:33 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject: HB 4416

Good Afternoon, I write to effect the outcome of bill HB 4416. This gun lobby driven bill is a disaster for Michiganders. Any bill that will allow people to carry a hidden, loaded handgun with no license, background check, or safety training is against the values that I stand for and that is the safety of our citizens. To be able to carry a hidden, loaded pistol with no questions asked, represents failed state values and protection for our citizens.

Please encourage a no vote for bill HB 4416.

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Matt Carnagie

From: Johnson Stuart <STUART.JOHNSON@mghs.org>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 1:47 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject: HB 4416

I am opposed to HB4416. It is vital for the protection of our society for individuals to possess a license, a permit to carry a concealed weapon, and to receive training on its use in order to carry a loaded weapon. A right to bear arms, yes. But not without rules that govern safe use.

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Matt Carnagie

From: kayderm@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 11:13 AM
To: House Clerk
Subject: HB 4416

Dear Clerk,

I am writing as a very concerned physician and citizen regarding HB 4416. A recent survey in the American Journal of Public Health, co-authored by Julia Wolfson, a Professor of Public Health at the University of Michigan, found that 64% of Americans do not support carrying concealed weapons on College campuses, places of worship, schools, etc. This survey included gun owners. Another recent poll of gun owners revealed that 88% believe that there should be a requirement for a permit to carry a loaded gun in public places. HB 4416 is reckless and allows anyone to carry a loaded, concealed gun, with no permit required, no background check, and with no safety training. The citizens of our state deserve better. We are just asking for more gun deaths with this legislation. Our police force deserves better too.

Sincerely,
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Dear Honorable State Representative and/or Representative Aide:

Nice to speak to you the other day.

Thank you for allowing us to express our position in opposition for the series of House Bills HB 4416-19: Constitutional Carry/elimination of both CPL Permit Requirement AND Pistol Safety Training for Michigan Residents.

We are respectfully requesting all Michigan State Representatives to vote no for these series of bills. These can and should be replaced with the reasonable, fair and intelligent bills expanding the Pistol Safety Training Requirement/Qualification by Certified Training Academies (Instructors) annually; including the Training Entities Requirement of both Qualification/Training for those certified Academies (instructors): similar to the law enforcement annual firearm qualification standards set my MCOLES (MSP). Details available by request.

I have attached a link (via Google Drive) a selected background Professional Vita of Allen and Mary Polkowski to provide credibility to our knowledge of the subject matter. Please let me know if you have not received that separate email.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxgxBvVtMMXwTUJaa0FGcFY0UW8/view?usp=sharing>

Also, a sample listing of the research and personal experience of Myths/Misinformation and Facts related to the content of these bills and their impeding effects to all law abiding citizens will be sent to you within the next few days.

Please feel free to contact us for questions, comments or concerns.

Respectfully,

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