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On behalf of the nearly 160 thousand Michigan members of the National Rifle Association, I write to express our support and urge you to pass from committee **House Bill 4458**, legislation that would amend the criminal penalty of possessing a concealed firearm by a person with a recently expired license.

Currently, Michigan law treats someone with a simple expired license to someone who has committed a violent criminal act. To make an otherwise lawful Michigander – someone who has proven through pervious extensive background checks to be trustworthy – a criminal felon due to a simple expiration date is a terrible misjudgment on the state, and can ruin a person's personal and professional life forever.

The state legislature should be looking for ways to represent and protect its people. Not only from the heinous acts of real criminal threats, but also from draconian laws which, in the end, help no one.

I am available to speak with you directly and address any concerns you may have with this legislation. Please feel free to contact me direct through email, or on my cell at (304) 270-6431.

The National Rifle Association respectfully requests that you **support House Bill 4458**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Art Thomm II".

Art Thomm, NRA-ILA Michigan State Liaison