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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 4876**, legislation that would prevent a spouse, family member, or guest from being barred from utilizing an otherwise lawful firearm for self-defense, recreational, or sporting purposes.

Currently, Michigan law states that in order for a person to lawfully possess a handgun, that handgun must be registered to that person. This misstep in the law creates a strong and significant barrier. A spouse, for example, couple find themselves in a legal minefield simply because they used a firearm to protect their self or family. Consider, if you will, a scenario of a wife and mother – not licensed by the State of Michigan to carry a concealed firearm, and with no firearms registered to her name – is the victim of an armed intruder during the night. Her husband is at work and her children are asleep. In an effort to protect her family, the woman reaches for her husband's handgun and fires. The family is safe from the criminal, but the potential for legal worries remain.

Be it that mother, or a friend simply looking to enjoy the sport of shooting, possession of a lawful firearm by a person not otherwise barred should *never* be a crime

The National Rifle Association respectfully requests that you support **House Bill 4876**.

Sincerely,

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

Art Thomm, NRA-ILA Michigan State Liaison