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The honorable «FN» «MI» «LN» State House Room «room» Boston, MA 02133

Dear «honorific» «LN»,

I'm writing to express my concern for House Bill 4121. I urge you to vote <u>against</u> House Bill 4121 because it will not enhance public safety or reduce crime, it will only add unreasonable burdens to the lawful gun owner.

- It complicates the existing restrictions and processes related to lawful gun ownership, with no benefit to public safety.
- It increases the confusing and arbitrary determination of what guns are legal for sale/transfer and what are not. The current regulations are already far more restrictive than nearly every other state, with no benefit to public safety.
- It punishes lawful gun owners who fall victim to theft or loss of property; with no benefit to public safety.
- All personal transfers of guns in The Commonwealth are already tracked through the required FA10 form. Requiring private sales to go through a dealer is redundant and an unreasonable restriction on lawful gun owners. It will not benefit public safety.
- Unrestricted discretion on the part of Chiefs of Police to issue an LTC has led to abuses. That arbitrary discretion should be eliminated, not expanded. Licenses should be issued entirely based on law, not Chiefs' personal preference or whim. Licensed gun owners are not the ones who commit violent crime.
- There have been zero cases of insufficient training causing a threat to the public. The current firearm training requirements and instructor certification requirements are appropriate and in line with national standards. This legislation will simply make it more difficult for those who intend to follow the law to get appropriate training.

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Sincerely,