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- Stephen Hargarten, Milwaukee — Dr. , Medical College of Wisconsin

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- Vida Bridges, Milwaukee
- Calvin Lee, Milwaukee
- Gregory John, Milwaukee
- George Nathaniel, Milwaukee — Pastor
- Carolyn Hill, Milwaukee
- Tenine Fleck, Milwaukee — Campaign Against Violence

- Lenore Borum, Milwaukee
- Jeanne Sieger, Franklin
- Joe Ellwanger, Milwaukee — MICAH
- Joyce Ellwanger, Milwaukee — MICAH
- Kathleen Hart, Greendale — WI-CURE
- Margaret Fuchs, Glendale
- Ann Marie Uselmann, Wauwatosa
- Antonia Nelson, Milwaukee — Million Mom March
- Thomas Fritz, Milwaukee
- Jim Koneazny, Milwaukee
- Christopher Thompson, Boston — Dr., ROOT Inc.
- Carrie Turner, Milwaukee
- Martin Wall, Milwaukee
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- George Burgess, Shorewood
- Udo Scholz, Bayside
- Atone Bishop, Milwaukee
- Shawn McGee, Milwaukee
- Douglas Moudry, Milwaukee
- Debra Junek, West Allis
- David Baertlein, West Allis
- Ralph Denson, Milwaukee
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- Edward Klotzbuecher, Milwaukee
- Judy Christofferson, Milwaukee
- Robert Nienas, Milwaukee
- Gilbert Ecks, Cedarburg
- LeRoy Gross, Fond du Lac
- Darwin Constantine, Milwaukee
- J.T. Miseran, Rubicon — National Rifle Association
- Kenneth Maves, Waukesha — National Rifle Association
- Joel Ellis, Milwaukee — National Rifle Association
- Judith Joerndt, Franksville

- Warren Joerndt, Franksville
- Fred Dainty, Prairie du Sac

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 13, 2008

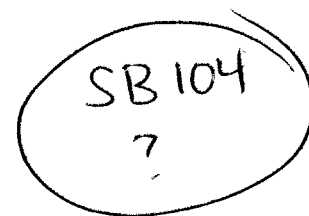
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Adam Plotkin
Committee Clerk



Plotkin, Adam

From: debra fifer [debraleefifer@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 1:25 PM
To: de Felice, David Patrick; de Felice, David Patrick; Sen.Coggs; Sen.Coggs
Subject: Suggested Speaker for hearings

A handwritten note in a circle, containing the text "SB 104" and a question mark below it.

Hi Dave,

I did talk to Dr. Hargarten and he stated he would speak at the hearing if you send him an official invitation.

Dr. Stephen Hargarten
Chairman of Emergency Center
9200 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53226
414-805-6450 to reach office & assist.

I faxed my request to her office and requested her or a representative. I tried to forward to you the email showing my bcc for the 5/14/07 meeting. For some reason I cannot forward it.

Nannette Hegerty
749 W State St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233
414-933-4444

Note: director of the Firearm Injury Center

Debra L. Fifer
Chair
Mothers Against Gun Violence & WI Chap Of Million Mom March
debraleefifer@msn.com
414-899-8328

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Plotkin, Adam

From: debra fifer [debraleefifer@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 1:29 PM
To: de Felice, David Patrick; de Felice, David Patrick; senator coggs office.; Sen.Coggs
Subject: FW: Mothers against Gun Violence, from Antonia Nelson

Hi,

We should use Antonia as a speaker in the hearing. She is here from Door County and she loves Milwaukee and want to help make it a save place to live for everyone.

Debra L. Fifer
Chair
Mothers Against Gun Violence & WI Chap Of Million Mom March
debraleefifer@msn.com
414-899-8328

- > Date: Thu, 3 May 2007 11:33:41 -0700
- > From: antonielson@sbcglobal.net
- > Subject: RE: Mothers against Gun Violence, from Antonia Nelson
- > To: debraleefifer@msn.com
- >
- > Hi Debra,
- > hope all is going well with you, missed seeing you
- > last night and wanted to connect with you. I met Ms.
- > Anderson, and Biko and the Senator, it was good to
- > meet them, and find out the location where you meet. I
- > look forward to hearing from you and seeing you again.
- >
- > take care
- > Antonia
- >
- > ps., I also would love to share with you what I do
- > around working with trauma and shock, it is something
- > that is probably easier to show you if you have any
- > time to get together. I know you are busy and let me
- > know what might work for you

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Spencer Coggs



State Senator

May 8, 2007

Senator Judy Robson
Chair, Senate Committee on Organization
211 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Robson,

As Chair of the Senate Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs Committee, I am planning to hold a public hearing in Milwaukee for the purpose of receiving testimony related to Senate Bill 104 on Tuesday, May 29.

The purpose of this letter is to request approval from the Committee on Senate Organization for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for the members of the Senate Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs Committee, and one member of my staff. Payment of fees associated with the reservation and use of off-site facility, estimated to be none, is also requested.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Spencer Coggs".

Senator Spencer Coggs
Chairman, Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs

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May 16, 2007

Dr. Stephen Hargarten
123 Main St.
Milwaukee, WI 53000

Dear Dr. Hargarten,

I write to request your participation as an invited speaker during a public hearing of Senate Bill (SB) 104, the Responsible Gun Ownership bill in the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs.

As you are aware, Senate Bill 104 would require background checks on the sale of "gray", or secondary, market handguns. While your testimony would not be time limited, I would request you attempt to keep your comments succinct given the large number of expected members of the public who will be seeking a chance to testify as well.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 29 at 3:00pm at the Milwaukee Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office. The DNR office is located at 2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Committee Clerk, Adam Plotkin, at 608-266-2500. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important public hearing.

Sincerely,

Senator Spencer Coggs
Chairman, Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs

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SC - please review
will send one of these
to everyone you want
to testify

May 16, 2007

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123 Main St.
Milwaukee, WI 53000

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Senate Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs ~~on Senate Bill 104.~~
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Senator Spencer Coggs
Chairman, Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs

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Plotkin, Adam

From: Bob Graf [bobsyouruncle@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2007 11:24 PM
To: Bob Graf
Subject: Stop the Violence--Support the Responsible Gun Ownership Bill at the Public Hearing
Attachments: pat111267455

Dear Friends,

You can do something about gun violence in Wisconsin. My message is simple: Please spread the word that there will be a state public hearing in Milwaukee of **The Responsible Gun Ownership Bill, Senate Bill #104**. The statewide hearing will be in **Milwaukee on Tuesday, May 29th, 3-7pm at the Department of Natural Resources building at 2300 Martin Luther King Drive** (the corner of MLK and North Av.) I am asking that all of you possible be present and bring as many persons as you can to support this bill.

The Responsible Gun Ownership Bill will close a loophole in the present Wisconsin law that has purchasers of handguns undergo a background check when they purchase a handgun from a firearms dealer. The loophole is that anyone can purchase a handgun from a private citizen or at a gun show without a background check. Although 'straw purchases' are illegal by federal law this loophole has put illegal guns in the hands of countless youth and persons who are prohibited from purchasing a gun. This bill would require that all purchasers of handguns in Wisconsin undergo a background check. The penalty for violating this law would be the same as the present penalty is for a firearms dealer to sell a handgun without a background check. In fact even the Wisconsin Firearms Dealers Association support this bill since presently guns used in crimes are traced back to them not to the person who sold the handgun.

As many of you know, the wide availability of handguns to youth and dangerous persons, has significantly contributed to the rising homicide rate, especially in Milwaukee. This loophole in the law was noticed in 2003 by three mothers who lost their sons in a triple homicide by an individual who purchased an illegal handgun from another individual. These three mothers formed a group called Mothers Against Gun Violence and have been working hard for almost four years to get this bill passed. Now with the help of Senator Spencer Coggs the bill has been introduced in the State Senate.

A large turnout on May 29th will not only help pass the bill but it will be a sign that many of us who love peace and justice want our government to serve the common good by closing this loophole that will help stop illegal guns. Our presence, if we choose to speak or not, will be a sign to all that we will do all we need to do to stop gun violence.

Please spread the message to support this bill at the public hearing on May 29th. For more information on this bill, to read the story about the Mothers Against Gun Violence, to find memorials for the homicide victims or to find a dynamic poster you can place all around town, check out the Mothers Against Gun Violence web site at: <http://www.milwaukeerenaisance.com/MothersAgainstGunViolence/HomePage> .

There will be opposition to this bill but we, with a large presence, can be victorious.

I am attaching a brief announcement of the public hearing that can be used for Church and meeting announcements and bulletins in the next 12 days before the hearing.

Peace,

05/18/2007

Bob Graf


414 379 4162,
Check out the Graf Family Home Pages at
<http://MilwaukeeRenaissance.com/GrafFamily>

Church and Meeting Bulletin Announcements

Gun Violence and the Common Good

We are all concerned about the crisis of gun violence. Now we can do something about it. We can attend the public hearing of the Wisconsin State Senate to support the Responsible Gun Ownership bill on May 29th from 3-7pm at the Department of Natural Resources, 2300 N. Martin Luther King. This bill, Senate Bill #104 will close the loophole in the present State law that requires background checks for purchasers of handguns at firearms dealer but not from private citizens or at gun shows. This bill would require that all purchasers of guns undergo a background check. Please help stop illegal handguns and in this way directly contribute to stopping the violence that terrorizes our city and state. For more information on the hearing call 342 4238 or visit the website of the Mothers Against Gun Violence at <http://www.milwaukeerenaissance.com/MothersAgainstGunViolence/HomePage>.

If you can use a picture or want a poster one below is also on the web site above.



YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT VIOLENCE!

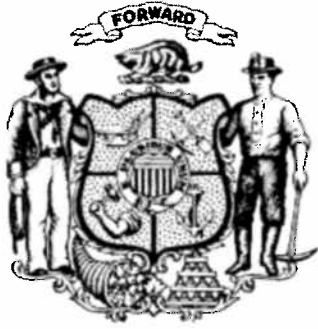
SUPPORT
SENATE
BILL 104

HELP CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE-HELP STOP ILLEGAL GUNS

Responsible Gun Ownership Bill Public Hearing
Tuesday May 29th 3PM-7PM @ THE DNR 2300 N MLK

for more info Ph 414.342.4238 online at <http://www.milwaukeerenaissance.com/MothersAgainstGunViolence>





SEN. SPENCER COGGS

SENATE DISTRICT 6

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Fax Cover Sheet

Date: May 18, 2007
To: Mr. Kenneth Barnes
Re: Gun Bill Hearing
Pages: 2 including cover

202/332-8250

Mr. Barnes,

Please let me know if you will be able to attend the hearing on May 29.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

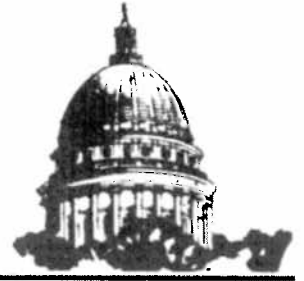
Thank you!
Adam

Adam Plotkin
Senator Spencer Coggs' Office

SEN. SPENCER COGGS
WISCONSIN STATE SENATE
PO BOX 7882
MADISON, WI 53707-7882

PHONE: 608-266-2500
FAX: 608-282-3546

Spencer Coggs



State Senator

May 17, 2007

Mr. Kenneth Barnes
811 Florida Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I write to request your participation as an invited speaker during a public hearing of Senate Bill (SB) 104, the Responsible Gun Ownership bill in the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs.

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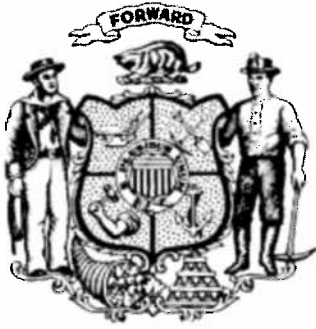
Sincerely,

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Senator Spencer Coggs
Chairman, Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs

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SEN. SPENCER COGGS

SENATE DISTRICT 6

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 *Fax Cover Sheet*

Date: May 18, 2007
To: Dr. Stephen Hargarten
Re: Gun Bill Hearing
Pages: 2 including cover

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Dr. Hargarten,

Please let me know if you will be able to attend the hearing on May 29. Thank you for all your help so far.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Adam

Adam Plotkin
Senator Spencer Coggs' Office

SEN. SPENCER COGGS
WISCONSIN STATE SENATE
PO BOX 7882
MADISON, WI 53707-7882

PHONE: 608-266-2500
FAX: 608-282-3546

Spencer Coggs



State Senator

May 17, 2007

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8701 Watertown Plank Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53226

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Senator Spencer Coggs
Chairman, Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs

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SEN. SPENCER COGGS

6TH SENATE DISTRICT

State Capitol
Room 123-South

Toll-free: 877-474-2000
Madison: (608) 266-2500

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

News Release
For Immediate Release

Sen. Coggs' to hold hearing on "Curbing Gun Violence"

Will take public testimony on Responsible Gun Ownership bill

MADISON – Sen. Spencer Coggs announced today that the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs, which he Chairs will be holding a Public Hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 104, known as the "Responsible Gun Ownership Bill." The hearing is Tuesday, May 29 at 3:00 pm at the Milwaukee office of the Department of Natural Resources at 2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee.

"We are bringing this issue to Milwaukee because our city is on the front lines of a gun violence epidemic in Wisconsin," Sen. Coggs said.

The hearing will open with testimony from invited speakers, including Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and three Milwaukee women who founded Mothers Against Gun Violence (MAGV). The women, Deb Fifer, Beverly Anderson and Marna Winbush started MAGV following the shooting deaths of their sons. All three young men were slain by the same felon, who obtained a gun illegally from a private owner.

"We must break this cycle of violence by getting handguns off the streets. I hope the public will respond positively to this bill, which will help keep handguns out of the hands of criminals," Sen. Coggs said.

Sen. Coggs' toll free office phone number is **877-474-2000**.

The hearing is scheduled for:

Tuesday, May 29

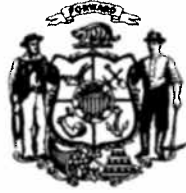
3:00 pm

Milwaukee DNR Office

2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

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Judith B. Robson
Senate Majority Leader

May 22, 2007

The Honorable Spencer Coggs
Wisconsin State Senator
123 South – Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

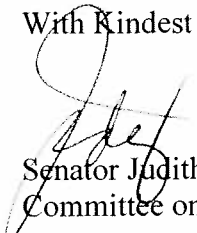
Dear ~~Senator~~ Coggs:

The Committee on Senate Organization has approved your request on behalf of the Senate Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Committee to hold a public hearing in Milwaukee for the purpose of receiving testimony related to Senate Bill 104 on Tuesday, May 29.

Reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses associated with this motion is sought from the state, including actual and necessary expenses incurred by the Senate members of the committee and Senate Sergeant-at-Arms' staff. Payment of fees associated with the reservation and use of off-site hearing room may be required.

Approval for travel is granted subject to the Senate not being in session.

With kindest regards,


Senator Judith B. Robson, Chair
Committee on Senate Organization

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Plotkin, Adam

From: de Felice, David Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 5:59 PM
To: Plotkin, Adam
Subject: Scheduling

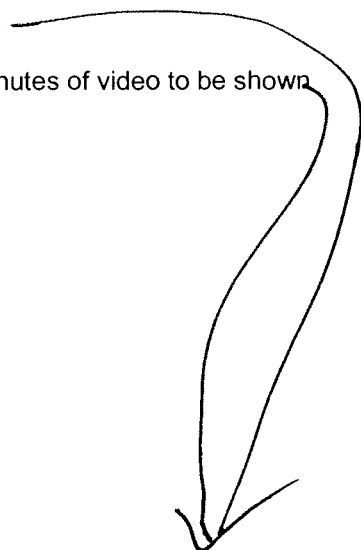
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Here they are:

Jordon Austin, NRA from Virginia: 703-267-1222, asked to be put on the list of invited speakers.

Jim Fendry: 414-588-5515. He would like an "early speak." He would also like SC to allow 4 minutes of video to be shown that was broadcast on a recent 20/20 program, and a one-minute piece shown on Ch. 4.

Dave de Felice
Office of Sen. Coggs
608-266-2500 phone
608-282-3546 fax



will come up
to testify
early

~~Bob Wirth~~

~~Wisconsin Eye~~

Building close time + no food



TO: Sen. Coggs
FROM: Adam Plotkin
DATE: MAY 23, 2007
RE: Substitute Amendment's germaneness to SB 104

Sen. Coggs,

We have been advised that the substitute amendment to Senate Bill 104, the Responsible Gun Ownership Bill, would likely be ruled nongermane on the floor given that it substantially expands the scope of the bill.

If asked at the hearing on May 29, you (or Russ Whitesel if you ask him) can say that you're aware of the issue but you want to make sure the bill and the amendment have a hearing and that a ruling on germaneness would come from the presiding officer of the Senate during session.

There are two options for how to respond to this issue:

- 1) Leave the bill, as amended, alone. Talk to Sen. Risser to ask him to find a way to make the amendment germane when he has to rule on the floor.
 - a. Advantages – Would be able to keep the bill number and there would be no major hang ups during the Committee process.
 - b. Disadvantages – Given Sen. Risser's proclivity for procedure, it's likely that he won't be willing to just avoid the obvious germaneness problem. It would also create a floor fight that Sen. Robson would just like to avoid, and then may not schedule it for the floor.
- 2) After the public hearing, but before the exec (assuming there is one), introduce a brand new bill that is absolutely identical to the Substitute Amendment.
 - a. Advantages – Avoids the germaneness issue entirely.
 - b. Disadvantages – Would mean that the bill that would receive a vote in committee and on the floor would have a different bill number. GOP would try to say that the bill that would be exec'd never received a hearing. But if it's the same as the substitute amendment that would be an easier point to rebut than arguing germaneness of the amendment on the floor.

While we don't need to have an answer prepared for Tuesday as to which option we will take, it will be good to know the options and be prepared to respond to the general question of germaneness should it come up during the public hearing.



Plotkin, Adam

From: David Behrens [namvet667@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 12:45 PM
To: Sen.Coggs
Subject: FW: Bill to Ban Private Sales in Wisconsin Expanded!

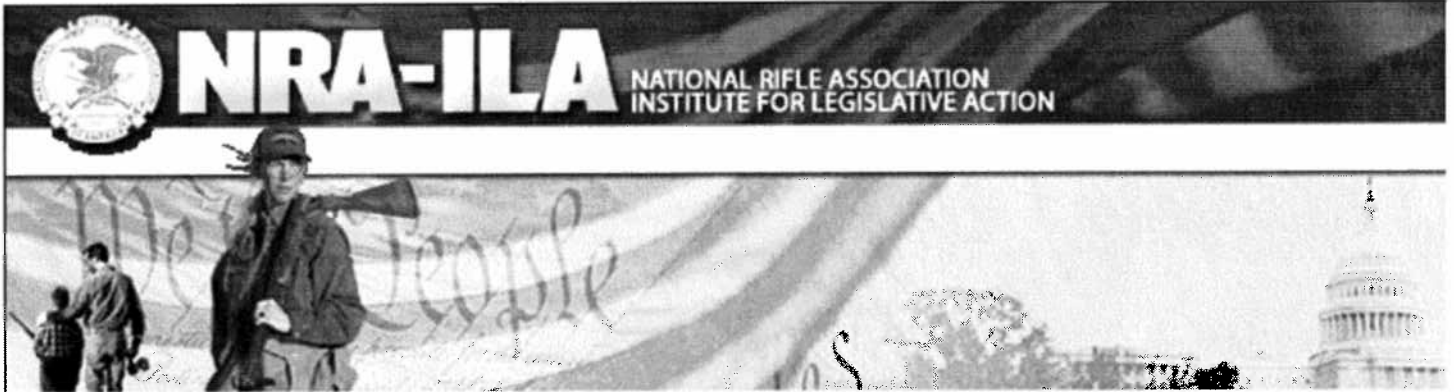
STOP.. Senate Bill. 104...

I being a proud Vietnam Veteran 66/67 USMC-FMF am against any Bill the will hurt our 2nd Amendment Rights and this Bill will !
We veterans have fought honorably and bravely in all wars to keep our freedoms intact !

Mr. David H Behrens Eau Claire, WI:

Namvet667 USMC

From: NRA-ILA_Alerts.UM.A.1.2490@www.ilaaalerts.org
To: namvet667@hotmail.com
Subject: Bill to Ban Private Sales in Wisconsin Expanded!
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 15:08:49 -0400



Bill to Ban Private Sales in Wisconsin Expanded!
*Please Attend the Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 29 or
Contact the Senate Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Committee Today!*

The legislature is currently considering Senate Bill 104, sponsored by State Senator Spencer Coggs (D-6), which would undermine Wisconsin's preemption statute. Senator Coggs has recently introduced an amendment to SB 104 which would require **ALL** private transfers of firearms in Wisconsin to be conducted through a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL). This bill would also require FFL's to charge an additional \$5 for running this background check for the private sale to be processed.

This bill would prevent anyone who is not an FFL from "transferring" a firearm to anyone

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else, including family members, anywhere in the state. The language does not specify that a sale has to occur, nor does it define what a "transfer" is. Consequently, an individual who allows a relative or friend to borrow their firearm for target shooting or hunting is technically transferring a firearm in direct violation of the law.

It is ***URGENT*** that you voice your opposition to SB 104 and the proposed amendment that attacks all law-abiding firearms owners of Wisconsin.

SB 104 has been assigned to the Senate Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Committee chaired by Senator Coggs. Please show your support for the Second Amendment by attending a public hearing on SB 104 in Milwaukee, and help prevent this anti-gun legislation from reaching the Senate floor!

Milwaukee DNR Building
2300 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Tuesday, May 29, 3:00 pm

SB 104 would set a dangerous precedent and threaten the future of gun rights statewide.

It is critical that you contact the members of the Senate Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs and respectfully request that they oppose SB 104.

Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Committee

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Please spread the word to your family, friends, and fellow gun owners to contact the

members of the Senate Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Committee and urge them to oppose SB 104!

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Plotkin, Adam

From: Stoll, Joanna
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 3:34 PM
To: Plotkin, Adam
Subject: FW: Responsible Gun Ownership Act (SB 104) Milw. Public Hearing

Here you go.

From: de Felice, David Patrick
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 2:59 PM
To: Sen.Lehman; Rep.Young; Rep.Grigsby; Rep.Sinicki; Rep.WilliamsA; Rep.Zepnick; Rep.Fields; Rep.Staskunas; Rep.Berceau; Rep.Turner; Rep.Toles
Subject: Responsible Gun Ownership Act (SB 104) Milw. Public Hearing

To: SB 104 Co-Authors

From: Sen. Spencer Coggs

Date: May 24, 2007

Re: Public Hearing

The Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs has scheduled a public hearing in Milwaukee on the Responsible Gun Ownership Act (SB 104) for Tuesday, May 29, 2007. The committee begins taking testimony at 3 p.m. at the Milwaukee DNR Building, 2300 N. MLK Jr. Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53212.

Please know that in addition to the bill, a Substitute Amendment has been prepared that would apply the legislation statewide. The original bill pertained only to Milwaukee County. The Substitute Amendment is available on Folio.

Sen. Spencer Coggs
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May 25, 2007

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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Jordan Austin and I am a registered lobbyist speaking on behalf of the National Rifle Association and our members in the state of Wisconsin. I would like to discuss the problems our organization has with Senate Bill 104, and would encourage this committee to not support its passage.

This bill is attempting to solve a problem that does not exist. This bill is attempting to solve the gun-show loophole when in fact less than 1% of criminals obtain firearms at gun shows. SB 104 is also attempting to limit private transfers of firearms, which has somehow been concluded as the reason for the high crime rates in Milwaukee County.

It has recently been brought to my attention that an amendment has been introduced by the Chairman to expand this proposal statewide, affecting all law-abiding firearms owners of Wisconsin, not just Milwaukee County. This amendment and the bill itself will have zero affect on crime and will play no part in getting illegal guns off the streets.

SB 104 will actually create new problems by forcing all TRANSFERS of firearms to go through a FFL for a background check to be done. There is no clear definition of what a transfer "is" located anywhere within the bill. If the bill were intended to deal with private sales of firearms, then that should have been the language used, but in fact it appears that the intent was to go far beyond restricting the private sale of firearms.

Suppose this bill were to become law and two friends decided to go target shooting but one of them didn't have a handgun. In order for one friend to lend a

handgun to the other, they would have to locate a Federal Firearm Licensee to run a background check or else they would be in violation of the law.

Let's say that an individual damaged his gun while hunting and needed to send it back to Smith & Wesson for repairs. This would be classified as a transfer, so a background check would have to be done to send the firearm out and then another one would have to be done to return the firearm. Do you run a background check on the gunsmith at Smith and Wesson, or on every employee who might come in contact with the firearm?

Or more importantly, let's say for instance that a husband happened to be out of town on business and his wife stayed at home. If someone were to break into his home and she were to use his handgun in self-defense then she would be breaking the law because no background check was done on her by an FFL. A \$25,000 fine and 10 years in prison seem like a long time to exercise a constitutionally guaranteed right.

The constitution of Wisconsin clearly states: The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose.

Now it would seem illogical to attempt to restrict someone's right to self-defense when they are prevented from using a legally purchased firearm in their home simply because they didn't directly purchase the firearm themselves.

There was an article posted in the Milwaukee Journal on May 10, 2007 that discussed crime statistics in Milwaukee County so far this year in comparison to the same time frame last year. The statistics to date were lower than last year. I'm puzzled why there is such a need to pass legislation that will have no effect on the types of crimes that have been committed? There is no evidence in any of the Milwaukee's statistics that would lead one to believe that any of those firearms were purchased through private sales or at gun shows. The only evidence that was clear was that crimes have gone down since this point last year.

Criminals are by nature law-breakers, so why would a criminal who is selling a firearm to another criminal going to subject him to a background check? That would consequently violate his 5th amendment right of self-incrimination. So again, this bill is only going to affect law-abiding citizens who already live and operate within Wisconsin's state laws.

Imagine this scenario: Mike recently had his home broken into and wants to purchase a handgun for protection but can't afford one at full price from a gun-store. Dave, Mike's friend whom he knows well, is a law-abiding gun owner and wants to sell a handgun to Mike at a reasonable price. Is it your intention that they be forced to go to a gun shop and have an FFL charge them \$13, \$8 for the state background check, and \$5 for the FFL background check fee, so that Dave can sell Mike a handgun that he needs for protection? This bill will only serve to inconvenience law-abiding citizens and force them to pay unnecessary fees. To compound the absurdity of these fees, the Governor

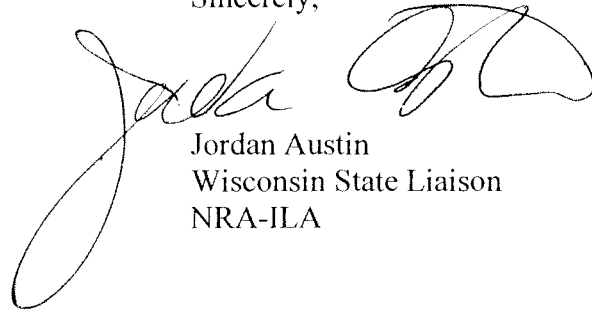
has graciously added a provision to the DOJ section of the recent budget bill to increase the background check fee from \$8 to \$30. So now we are talking about a \$35 fee to sell a friend or relative a handgun. It's not only absurd, but also unreasonable.

As I mentioned before, criminals do not operate within society's laws and are by nature law-breakers. Do you really think that a criminal who just broke into someone's home and stole a gun is going to have a FFL do a background check on the drug dealer who was going to give him two kilo's of coke for it?

This legislation is not necessary and there is no current evidence to support it. It places an undue burden and responsibility on not only the law-abiding gun owner but also the FFLs who will have the amount of transfers and background checks they are forced to process triple. This will also result in a 3-fold increase in the amount of phone calls that DOJ will receive in order to process these background checks. Based on the evidence from the Journal article, law-enforcement is already doing a great job this year of getting more illegal guns off the streets. What needs to be done is to more strictly enforce the laws currently in place, add more law-enforcement to high crime areas, and improve economic conditions for these areas so that Milwaukee citizens don't have to resort to crime as a means of existence.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and I will again encourage you to vote against the Cogg's amendment and also against the passage of this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee might have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Austin', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom left.

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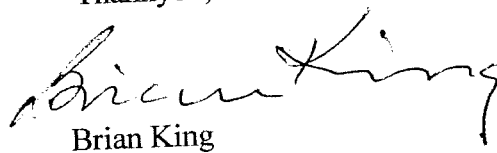
May 26,2007

Dear Legislator,
Re S.B. 104

I would urge you to vote down this pending Bill. It will undermine the State's pre-emption statute and will impose draconian penalties on citizens "transferring" firearms to others including friends and relatives. It will be an unwelcome burden for all Wisconsin citizens and a giant step backwards.

Please vote down this Bill.

Thankyou,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian King". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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