Dear Members of the Public Safety Sub-Committee,

Let me start by stating I fully support the current items listed in HSB 254.

But there is one major issue that is missing

In 2010, we flipped the Iowa House from Democrat control and we’ve held the line against Michael Bloomberg and the radical left every two years since then and have increase the republican majority, but many 2A issues remain unresolved.

HSB 254 would make Iowa the nineteenth Constitutional Carry state and would allow law-abiding Iowans the right to carry a firearm for self-defense without having to pay expensive fees or add their name to a government database first. But many of those same law-abiding Iowans have the threat of being fired by their employer for having a firearm in their PERSONAL VEHICLE that is setting in the parking lot.

Eighteen states have Constitutional Carry legislation on the books -- over one-third of America. I wonder how many of those state leave their citizens in the endangered position of having to choose between being able to enjoy this right vs the risk of being fired.

An addition issue needs to be added to this bill so that Iowans personal property rights are upheld and employers are not allowed to encroach upon them.

I have been asking for this simple protection for the last 5 or 6 years. We had bills, what some call the Parking Lot Bill, back in 2017 and again in 2020 but House Republicans were unwilling to proceed and they bowed at the feet of big business and allow them to continue to walk all over the individuals.  All I want is my personal property rights upheld and employers not allowed to encroach upon them.  An employer should not be able to dictate what an employee has in their personal vehicle period, end of discussion.

It's not like I have been asking for a bill that would allow me to carry while at work.

If we can put into HSB 254 protection for renters from publicly subsidized landlords restricting renters 2A rights that will benefit only a small number of Iowans, there is absolutely no reason or justification why we can’t protect thousands of employees and law-abiding citizens from intrusive employers with parking lot language. It is time to stand up.

Please add employee parking lot protection to bill and then advance HSB 254 immediately and with no weakening amendments.

Thank you,

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