To the Chair and Members of the Subcommittee-

Thank you for accepting public comments as you consider SJR1. I'm writing to you today as a mom of two young children and a gun owner to express my opposition to this proposal.

My growing family moved to lowa because we felt our values would be better represented than in our former home in Missouri. Like many lowans, I want to do all I can to keep my family safe, which is why I'm deeply concerned that instead of pursuing common sense solutions to gun violence, the committee is considering an extreme attempt to amend the lowa constitution and threaten our bedrock public safety laws. The overwhelming number of lowans, your constituents, support commonsense public safety laws, like the background check requirement for handgun sales. Please vote no on this radical and unnecessary strict scrutiny measure that would threaten the public safety laws that keep our communities safe.

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