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### Bill 2022-14 Weapons and Firearms Prohibited on County-Owned or Operated Property

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I am writing this letter in response to proposed 2022-14. I am asking the commissioners to not in act this bad law. While The county has a right to set policy for inside their own buildings, what the county doesn't have the right to do, is restrict citizens free movement around the county. With the proposed law the 100-yard boundary around all government buildings will restrict law abiding citizens with a State issued W&C permit. This law will force them to choose between their right to free travel or exercise their 2 Nd amendment right, this is unconstitutional. The section about including the commissioner's private property and exempting them from the ban on carrying firearms inside the 100-yard boundary and within the county owned buildings goes against the 14 amendment (citizenship rights and equal protection under the law) 2022-14 takes away the citizens right but grants these rights solely to the county commissioners. 2022-14 removes the neighbors to county buildings there right to decide their own policy about having firearms on their property and can remove their ability to be able to defend themselves or their property from criminal attack. Since there is no definition as to what is considered a county building, citizens living close to a county well or salt storage building would not be legally allowed to have firearms on their property

violating their conational rights. This bad law will also put local gun shop out of business. It further restricts property owners from having a firearm in their own building just because the county occupies a small space inside of the building While the current state law grants the county the ability to restrict carrying a firearm with in 100-yards of sensitive place, Under the new supreme court decision on the New York state rifle & Pistol association Inc. V. Bruen has stated that entire portions of property can not be made into a sensitive place and only allows for a very narrow list of places that can

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