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I am strongly against the proposed Bill 2022-14. Following are three primary points of concern and contention: 1. It has been consistently demonstrated through multiple events across the country that deranged criminals specifically target advertised gun free zones. Criminals actively seek out these gun free zones as target-rich environments where only unarmed victims will be present. 2. This bill is not about public safety. It does not require the county to guarantee the security of the citizens who will be disarmed. There are no mentions of any active measures to prevent armed criminals from ignoring such arbitrary "gun-free zones," such as metal detectors, increased police presence, or gated parking areas. 3. Finally, and most egregiously, the Board of Commissioners has taken the authoritarian approach of "Rules for Thee, But not for Me" and included themselves as exemptions in paragraph (B) (4). This demonstrates a concern for their own safety that is not extended to the general public. Even Federal facilities do not include these exemptions for senior members of the military or civilian service. This draft bill is an attempted abuse of authority that should not stand.

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