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Dear Governor John Hickenlooper,

We, the El Paso County Libertarian Party Development Group, write to you in defense of the 2nd Amendment, in support of the El Paso County Commissioners in their "Resolution In Defense of 2nd Amendment Rights", and our backing of Sheriff Terry Maketa and the multiple county sheriffs in our state who have expressed their concern publicly with regards to all anti-gun bills that have been proposed, are currently sitting on your desk awaiting your signature or have already been signed.

The data that exists shows that anti-gun laws do not and will not keep law-abiding citizens safe and only undermine the 2nd Amendment which goes beyond personal safety but does protect the citizens in the case of political upheaval. Our founding fathers absolutely knew this. These anti-gun laws have broader implications and will have no impact on criminal activity. The data that exists from federal agencies backs that statement.

As these laws were written they are creating a system where a large group of people can be charged with a non-violent crime by simply owning a specific firearm, temporarily transferring ownership for the safety of a family member or friend who may be in danger, among a multitude of unreasonable consequences. It is critical that you strike these bills down.

Sheriff Terry Maketa apparently has felt that the process with which bills usually go through our state has been manipulated to push an agenda. He was obviously unnerved over how this process was pushed through and as a local political party, we will back Sheriff Maketa's stance to protect our 2nd Amendment rights. When the top law enforcement officials of our state stand up and question the Constitutional legality it is imperative that you, Governor Hickenlooper, take a step back and reconsider these laws and not sign them. You are bound by the U.S. Constitution and your oath of office as is every elected official in our state. Citizens from across Colorado are demanding that these bills do not get signed into law.

The end result of these anti-gun laws absolutely will not create a safe environment; they do undermine the U.S. Constitution, and will not prevent criminals from engaging in criminal activity with a firearm. We urge you to veto these bills and let the citizens of Colorado remain free and our rights protected. We take The Constitution of our nation seriously and as elected officials, you must protect that document fiercely.

Yours in Liberty,

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