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Dear Representative:

I am writing on behalf of the American Bar Association to express our strong opposition to H.R.3193, the District of Columbia Personal Protection Act.

H.R.3193 would strike down a range of laws adopted over several decades by the District of Columbia. Among the District's laws that would be repealed by H.R.3193, is a ban on handguns, a ban on semiautomatic firearms designed to shoot more than 12 shots without loading, and a safe-storage law. While the proponents assert their bill is designed "to restore Second Amendment rights to the District of Columbia," they cannot point to any court decision upholding a Second Amendment challenge to these laws or point to a single federal court decision ever striking down similar laws in other states or localities on Second Amendment grounds.

H.R.3193 will reach the floor of the House of Representatives without any House Committee holding a hearing on its merits and without any input from a single witness from the District of Columbia. The House will not have paid heed to the views of the District's law enforcement leaders or others with expertise on the subjects and claims of the legislation.

We believe this hasty bundling of a range of the District of Columbia's gun laws and regulations for proposed repeal is unwarranted and unwise and should be rejected by the House of Representatives. We urge you to vote against H.R.3193.

Sincerely,

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