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Governor Gary Herbert  
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Dear Governor Herbert:

Together with the Utah League of Cities and Towns, Utah Chiefs of Police Association, and Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, the Kaysville City Police Department stands in opposition to **H.B. 76 Concealed Weapon Carry Amendment**.

Governor Herbert, it is our hope that you will veto H.B. 76, which represents a dramatic change in the state of Utah's concealed carry permitting process. A process that has been fair for the public, concealed carry permit holders, and public safety.

The reasons for our opposition to the proposal include the following:

In order to qualify for a concealed firearm permit, under Utah Code Ann. 53-5-704, a person must be screened to see that the person has not been convicted of:

- A misdemeanor crime of violence other than domestic violence;
- An offense involving the use of alcohol; or
- A misdemeanor offense involving moral turpitude.

Additionally, 53-5-704(3)(a) states that a person may be disqualified from a permit for behavior demonstrating a danger to himself or others by a past pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence, threats of unlawful violence, or misdemeanor violations of state weapons laws.

H.B. 76, however, would allow any person over age 21 to carry a concealed firearm regardless of any history of those convictions or behaviors.

Current law allows a person with a concealed firearm permit to carry a loaded firearm concealed or openly; individuals who do not possess a concealed firearm permit may openly carry an unloaded firearm. If H.B. 76 is not vetoed, any person who is 21 years of age or older, who may lawfully possess a dangerous weapon, may carry a loaded firearm openly or concealed.

It is our concern that the potential enactment of H.B. 76 not only abridges the ability of public safety officers from responding to the concerns of our residents and businesses, but also jeopardizes the safety of our communities.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S.O.' or similar initials.

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