

February 24, 2010

HB 171/Pogge

The Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III
Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 409
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Senator Marsh:

I am writing to respectfully request that you reject HB 171 when it comes before you in the Senate Courts of Justice Committee.

HB 171 would allow (with exceptions) guns in locked vehicles while folks are at work – despite any employer policy to the contrary. It was opposed in the House by us, the Virginia Retail Federation, the Virginia Retail Merchants Association, and the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association.

Those groups indicated that the measure was not needed and would lead to needless litigation. Even though it was amended in the House to make it “better”, it still bumps up against property rights and interferes with a business owner’s rights to manage his work force and work site as he thinks prudent.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,



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