

January 25, 2021

Judiciary Committee

HB 1193

Chairman Klemin & Committee members

I am here to support HB 1193. As a single mom living out in the country, I find the duty to retreat goes against my God given right to defend myself and my property.

While I agree that an individual is not justified in using more force than is necessary and appropriate under the circumstances, the duty to retreat and avoid force is giving rights to the criminal and removing my rights.

In the case of an emergency, it takes the Sheriff's department longer to get to my residence than it takes a criminal to break into my place and shoot me, my son and my animals.

A duty to retreat, as currently required under Section 1, cedes my right to that of the criminal.

HB 1193 effectively levels this uneven duty in favor of a person protecting their own life & property as well as children who might be in danger.

I support HB 1193 and request that this committee recommend a do pass.

Thank you