

January 25, 2021

Judiciary Committee

HB 1193

Dear Chairman Klemin and members of the Judiciary Committee:

We are writing in support of HB 1193.

We agree that an individual is not justified in using more force than is necessary and appropriate under the circumstances. However, we believe the "duty to retreat and avoid force" provision in this bill gives more rights to the criminal and reduces our rights to protect ourselves and our property.

We live in the country, and in the case of an emergency, it will take longer for law enforcement to reach our residence than it will take for a criminal to break into our property and potentially threaten us. We need to be able to defend ourselves in such a situation.

We respectfully recommend a do pass on HB 1193. Thank you.

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