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January 14, 2026

The Honorable Terry Roy
Chair, House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
New Hampshire General Court
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
Room 159

Re: House Bill 1642 (Selig)

Dear Chair Roy:

On behalf of the New Hampshire members of the National Rifle Association, I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill 1642.

HB 1642 would allow for an ex-parte protective order to remove your Second Amendment rights - not because of a criminal conviction or mental adjudication, but based on third party allegations and evidentiary standards far below those normally required for removing constitutional rights. Under HB 1642, the respondent loses a fundamental right without any notice of a judicial hearing, without the opportunity to be present, and without even being offered the opportunity to provide a written statement for the court to consider before removing their rights.

If an individual is truly dangerous, existing law already provides a variety of mechanisms to deal with the individual, all of which can lead to firearm prohibitions in appropriate cases. The issuance of a protective order does nothing to deal with the underlying cause of dangerousness, nor does it subject the person to any actual physical restraint, ongoing reporting, monitoring requirements, or treatment for any underlying mental health condition. Furthermore, no law can give police, or even family members, increased insight into human behavior and motivation.

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For these reasons, the NRA opposes HB 1642.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph LoPorto".

Joseph LoPorto
State Director
State & Local Affairs

cc: Committee Members