

Dear Honorable Representative ___ James DeSana

As a member of Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections, I am writing to urge you to vote *No* on and to vigorously oppose several previously failed bills that threaten to undermine election integrity and your constituents' constitutional and unalienable rights.

The Supreme Court has ruled on this subject. The recent *Bruen* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court disallows states from prohibiting the bearing of firearms in public, unless such a prohibition applies to a limited number of “sensitive places” such as courthouses and schools. In his opinion, Justice Thomas made it clear that states must not abuse the “sensitive places” exemption by applying it too broadly. The proposed legislation, at a bare minimum, abuses this “sensitive places” exemption for the reasons that PIME and the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners (MCRGO) have made plain.

H.B. 4128. Two basic shortcomings render this a BAD BILL (other than the common-sense fact that bad guys routinely ignore “gun free” zones). First, section 3 does not provide an exemption for Concealed Pistol License (CPL) holders—an exemption that is granted for other “sensitive places” in section 2(c).

If preventing “intimidation” is the purported goal of this bill, how could an invisible concealed firearm intimidate anyone?

Second, the arbitrary 100 feet standard would probably run afoul of property rights. One can only imagine how many homes/private property parcels are situated “within 100 feet from any entrance to an absent voter counting place.” Would it be constitutional to deprive the owners of those homes/private property parcels of their Second Amendment/Fourteenth Amendment rights? Of course, the short and certain answer is no. H.B. 4127 exempts nearby homeowners within their domiciles, but H.B. 4128 does not.

H.B. 4129. One of this bill's shortcomings includes its lack of definition for the words “harassing” and “harassed.” Under this provision, peaceful and lawful protests of various kinds could be labeled and portrayed as *harassing* conduct and thus punishable as a felony. Enactment would abridge our First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment protections of free speech and freedom of assembly.