

Mr Chair

I am sending this to show my support for HB 5286 Knife preemption law introduced by Rep Steven Johnson.

I believe this is an important bill in protecting citizens from knife laws that can change from city to city. As the law is now any city, county or other unit of government can totally ban the carry of knives. Breaking such a law that contains a sentence enhancer ordinance could put the innocent act of carrying a knife and a firearm with a CPL and turn the person into a felon. As it is now there is really no way for a person to know what the knife laws across the state.

Thank you

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