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The Honorable Thad Viers
South Carolina House of Representatives
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Proposed amendment to H. 3405

Dear Rep. Thad Viers:

GrassRoots GunRights previously requested that the General Laws subcommittee kill H. 3405 because H. 3405 provided special privileges to politicians while continuing to deny those very same privileges to the rest of the people. GrassRoots GunRights opposes the belief that public servants should be treated better than the very people they are supposed to be serving.

GrassRoots GunRights initially requested that H. 3405 be killed until a different bill could be passed that extended the privileges sought by politicians for politicians to all concealed weapon permit (CWP) holders.

After further examination, GrassRoots GunRights now believes H. 3405 should be amended to read as follows:

Section 23-31-240. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, the following persons who possess a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State, when carrying out the duties of their office:

- ~~(1) active Supreme Court justices;~~
- ~~(2) active judges of the court of appeals;~~
- ~~(3) active circuit court judges;~~
- ~~(4) active family court judges;~~
- ~~(5) active masters-in-equity;~~
- ~~(6) active probate court judges;~~
- ~~(7) active magistrates;~~
- ~~(8) active municipal court judges;~~
- ~~(9) active federal judges;~~
- ~~(10) active administrative law judges;~~
- ~~(11) active solicitors and assistant solicitors; and~~
- ~~(12) active workers' compensation commissioners.~~

By amending H. 3405 to read as GrassRoots GunRights proposes above, H. 3405 will treat all CWP holders in South Carolina exactly the same as the initially proposed H. 3405 would have treated politicians.

If H. 3405 is not amended as proposed above, then H. 3405 should be killed because it is wrong to treat public servants better than the rest of the people are treated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R D Butler". The letters are bold and slightly slanted, with a cursive-like flow.

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