



Thursday, January 11, 2018

The Honorable Jaime Pedersen, Chair
Senate Committee on Law and Justice
235 John A. Cherberg Building
P.O. Box 40443
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Senate Bill 6146 (Saldaña) – Providing a Foundation for a Patchwork of Confusing and Inconsistent Laws and the Chilling of Fundamental, Individual Rights

POSITION: STRONGLY OPPOSE

Dear Senator Pedersen:

On behalf of the members and supporters of Firearms Policy Coalition, I respectfully submit our opposition to Senate Bill 6146 (Saldaña).

To begin with, SB 6146 would convert a cobbled-together, unsupported rambling of one member into a broad legislative declaration that would impact policy and law (in state and federal courts) for years to come. Even if this Legislature would choose to put its name on such a broad statement of legislative fact, its members may wish to address this terminal defect, first.

Moreover, the State of Washington's wise and reasonable preemption statutes ensures that law-abiding people and law enforcement officers alike can rely on a well-considered, consistent framework of gun laws that were debated among elected members, scrutinized by the public, and evaluated by the governor before their enactment.

SB 6146 would allow local governments across the state to put good people at risk of accidental law violations and severely chill the exercise of fundamental, individual rights under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution.

This bill has many flaws but one clear intent: to undermine and chill the exercise of fundamental, individual rights. If this measure were about abortion clinics or voting, it would be 'dead on arrival'. So, too, should SB 6146 be roundly and summarily rejected.

For all of the reasons stated above, we must oppose SB 6146 and urge your "NO" vote.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at (855) 372-7522 or policy@fpchq.org if we can be of any assistance to you or your staff.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Philip Watson'.

Philip Watson
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Author; Committee Members