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Opposition to House Bill HD. 4420

Town Administrator Adam Lamontagne in conjunction with Select Board Chair Michael Currie, Advisory Chair John Caplis, Police Chief Michael Bennett, Fire Chief David Dickie and Emergency Management Director Richard Curtis announce in this joint statement opposition to House Bill HD. 4420, An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts already has on their books some of the toughest gun laws in the country; however, we would like to highlight many of the restrictions contained within this new proposed bill.

- 1.) It would criminalize overnight many firearms that were purchased legally and in good faith, and subject current, law-abiding owners to serious criminal charges.
- 2.) It would require citizens of the Commonwealth turn in many of their firearms to law enforcement and put our law enforcement officers in the position of potentially having to confiscate firearms from homes on a mass scale.
- 3.) This bill would create a new and unmanageable system of registering ownership of all ammunition magazines and many common firearms parts with the Commonwealth.
- 4.) It would practically eliminate the ability to carry a concealed firearm legally for self-defense. This is in direct opposition to, and defiance of, the recent US Supreme Court decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*.
- 5.) This bill would have a terrible impact on legal hunting in the Commonwealth, essentially banning hunting on private property.

Finally, this proposed bill is likely to be found unconstitutional in light of recent US Supreme Court decisions in the *Heller*, *McDonald*, *Caetano*, and *Bruen* cases. This new proposed bill is a bad idea and not necessary. We, in this joint statement, request that Representative Day focus on ghost guns and not targeting law-abiding gun owners in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.