



April 30, 2014

The Honorable Timothy Jones
Missouri House of Representatives
201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 308
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Representative Jones:

The Missouri General Assembly is on the verge of passing a Resolution that will place the safety and security of the citizens of Missouri in jeopardy. At first glance Senate Joint Resolution 36 appears to be an innocuously worded Resolution. However, we believe that it may ultimately have deadly unintended consequences. They include:

1. Allowing convicted gang members and drug dealers to carry deadly weapons on our streets
2. Allowing domestic violence defendants to continue to possess deadly weapons despite evidence that they pose a threat to the life of their victims
3. Allowing those that wish to do our children harm the right to carry deadly weapons into our schools

No one can ensure the citizens of Missouri that these changes to our Constitution will not create these unintended consequences. Ultimately, Judges of this state will interpret these new words added to the Constitution and they will have to determine the impact and meaning of this resolution.

The Constitution and laws of our State already protect the hunter, the lawful citizen, and those acting in self-defense. This Resolution provides them no new protection. Unfortunately the only ones that stand to benefit from this new language are gang members, drug dealers, domestic abusers, and other criminals.

On behalf of the citizens of our communities, please stand on the side of public safety and common-sense and refuse to engage in this potentially deadly political theatre. Please vote No on Senate Joint Resolution 36.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean Peters Baker".

Jean Peters Baker
Prosecuting Attorney
Jackson County

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer M. Joyce".

Jennifer M. Joyce
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City of St. Louis

cc: The Honorable Kurt Schaefer