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

Re: H. 3464

Dear Representative Talley,

This bill restates the 2nd, 9th and 10th Amendments to the US Constitution in support of its goal to exclude from regulation under the commerce clause, all firearms and accessories manufactured in South Carolina and remaining in South Carolina. In general, GrassRoots GunRights of SC supports this bill and the principle that the Constitution of the United States was not intended to give the federal government unlimited powers through the commerce clause.

However, we conclude Section 23-31-730 should be deleted. There is no principled way to find certain items not involved in interstate commerce should be subject to regulation under the commerce clause, yet others should not be. Consistency of ethical principles requires that either everything manufactured within South Carolina and remaining here should be exempt from the commerce clause, or none should be exempt.

If those things listed in Section 23-31-730 are undesirable and worthy of being regulated, a bill should be introduced at the state level addressing these issues. In this way, we remain consistent in our assertion that all items manufactured and remaining within our state borders are not subject to regulation under the commerce clause of the US Constitution.

A bill similar to H. 3464 entitled "HB 420" has already been passed by the Montana State House of Representatives and forwarded on to the State Senate for their consideration.

It is for these reasons that GrassRoots GunRights of SC urges you to please adopt H. 3464 with amendment to delete Section 23-31-730.

Sincerely,



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