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This week I filed two bills that will help preserve the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and protect the liberties of Texas gun-owners. Senate Bill 438 would prohibit the use of public funds to enforce federal and international firearms laws that do not exist under the legislation of Texas. The state government must fight to protect the liberties espoused in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as the federal government has grossly encroached on those liberties.

The second bill, SB 439, would protect Texas gun-owners from a deficiency in the current penal code, which criminalizes gun-owners who carry a handgun on another person's property even with that person's permission. This shortcoming also dishonors property owners by undermining their right to allow visitors to be on their property with a handgun. At the time of filing, several senators have signed on in support and I hope more will join as the bills come before committee.

In addition, I have signed on in support of three other bills that promote and protect the right to bear arms:

- SB 346 would allow Texans' who have a concealed handgun license to carry a handgun openly. Citizens have the right to determine the method of carrying a handgun that is the most suitable for their individual needs, and this bill makes provisions for that.
- SB 11 would allow people who hold a concealed handgun license to carry on the campuses of public and private colleges and universities. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors currently do not have that option for protecting themselves on campuses, and many attend night classes, making it necessary that they walk through parking lots or isolated areas late in the evening. Texans have the right to defend themselves with regardless of their location, being on or off the campuses of higher education.
- SB 342 would lift the burdens and barriers on Texans' God-given right to defend themselves and their families. No longer will so much bureaucratic red tape impede Texans from carrying a handgun for self-defense, promising safer conditions for our society.

I am excited about these bills and know they will help promote safer conditions for Texans and will strengthen the voice of liberty in our society. We have to fight for our liberties now so that future generations will inherit a freer, brighter Texas.



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