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The Honorable John Sullivan  
926 Broadway  
Quincy, IL 62301

The Honorable Jil Tracy  
3701 E. Lake Centre Drive  
Suite 3  
Quincy, IL 62305

The Honorable Rich Myers  
200-7N Stratton  
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: House Bill 687

Dear Senator Sullivan, Representative Tracy and Representative Myers:

I strongly urge you and your colleagues to oppose House Bill 687, which bill proposes that every firearm owner in the State of Illinois be required to maintain a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy on such firearm.

There are so many of my and your constituents in the City of Quincy, as well as in the surrounding communities that you represent, who are avid hunters. I am very fortunate to be a mayor of a city, like Quincy, that is surrounded by rural land that is very conducive to providing an abundance of hunting opportunities. Hunting in Western Illinois has a rich history of being a great family pastime, creating traditions and enjoyable memories for many families. I, personally, have many fond memories from many of my hunting experiences with my wife's family and my two boys. Children growing up in the family sport of hunting properly learn and respect guns, which in turn prevents gun-related accidents, not legislation like House Bill 687. Moreover, hunting in Western Illinois has developed to be a seasonal industry that has a considerable economic impact in our region. House Bill 687 would hurt this industry.

House Bill 687 would not be in the best interest of your and my constituents in Quincy and the surrounding area, and accordingly, I strongly and respectfully encourage you to oppose House Bill 687.

I appreciate your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

John A. Spring  
Mayor