

January 28, 2013

Ms. Perry Buck
State Representative
District 49
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Buck,

The Greeley Tribune published an article written by Ryan Parker of the Denver Post regarding your introducing a bill to allow some felons to possess guns. I am very much in favor of this as outlined in the article.

I happen to fall into that category of felons prevented from buying guns and the right to possess guns for my own use. My felonies were "Paper Crimes" for fraud by check, etc. which at the time was a Class 5 felony. I served one year in the State Reformatory as a result of my conviction I am not able to buy a weapon for my own use or for protection.

The past twenty some years I have been employed by Major Auto Parts chains as the store manager of large stores, as a Wal-Mart support manager and as a Convenience store manager. I was fortunate as Convenience store manager that my store never had a armed robbery even when other stores within an eight block area were robbed at gun point. We were not robbed as all gang members who came into the store were made aware that I could possibly be armed (I wasn't) and that I would defend myself and the store. That store was in an area of Greeley that had high level of gang activity between two rival gangs. I was the Store Manager for 4 ½ years before I retired.

I am not a violent person or suffering from mental illness but due to some very stupid mistakes that I made and served jail time for it still prevents me from buying a gun even after thirty years of time.

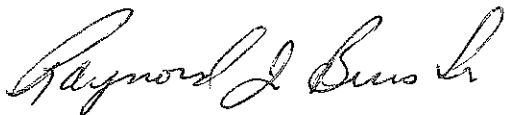
I would appreciate knowing what the bill number is so that I can track it's progress and help support the bill to get it passed. Although the article did not mention it I think that there must be a period of time from the conviction to being eligible to purchase a weapon. A reasonable length of say ten years with no convictions of the law to include misdemeanors should be part of your bill.

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Thank you for your time to listen to my problem as it relates to this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond J. Buss Sr.".

Raymond J. Buss Sr.