

LWV-VA GVP Testimony
House Public Safety Committee-
Firearms Subcommittee
January 18, 2024

HB2 HELMER -ASSAULT WEAPON BAN

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Jeanne Hanewich and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Virginia in support of this bill. Since 1990, The League of Women Voters has recognized that the proliferation of semi automatic/automatic weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to the citizens of the United States. Assault weapons are exceptionally deadly firearms commonplace in mass fatality shootings and should be banned in Virginia. Please vote YES. Thank you for your time.

HB22 JONES- AUTO SEAR

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Jeanne Hanewich and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Virginia in support of this bill. Converting a firearm to shoot automatically without requiring manual reload results in a much more dangerous weapon. With this modification one pull of the trigger could shoot 16 rounds. Auto sears are inexpensive to purchase or make on a 3-D printer and should be illegal. Please vote YES. Thank you for your time.

HB173 SIMON GHOST GUNS

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Jeanne Hanewich and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Virginia in support of this bill. The League is in support of banning ghost guns as they are un-serialized, untraceable and their purchase does not require a background check. Ghost guns make it easy for prohibited and dangerous individuals to evade federal and state gun regulations and create a dangerous loophole. Please vote YES. Thank you for your time.