



To: Members of the Senate Local Government Committee

From: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PA Municipal League

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 531 (PN 566)

Date: April 29, 2019

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On behalf of the PML municipal membership, I am writing in opposition to SB 531 scheduled for Committee consideration tomorrow, Tuesday, April 30.

Senate Bill 531 seeks to punish municipalities for enacting local regulations concerning firearms. Furthermore, it encourages lawsuits by giving broad standing to third-party membership organizations.

We are also opposed to the general preemption of local regulation of firearms on municipally owned property. The Commonwealth, courts and schools have the ability to regulate firearms on their property. Municipalities should be no different when it comes to firearms in municipal parks and municipal buildings. Municipalities have the same duty to ensure the safety of those attending public meetings and utilizing municipal parks.

For these reasons we respectfully ask for a "no" vote on SB 531.

Thank you for your consideration.