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Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair
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Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members;

Lessons in Firearms Education (LIFE) feels the lessons of Hurricane Katrina should be heeded. A valuable lesson learned was that in times of crisis, government entities can react irrationally, and arbitrarily suspend fundamental constitutional rights.

In well documented cases, the New Orleans Police Department was instructed to go door-to-door looking for law-abiding residents, and to confiscate all firearms.

Can you imagine yourself in the position of surviving a natural disaster, doing the best you can to help your family survive not only Mother Nature, but gangs & lawlessness, and during the darkest of times, to have your most important defensive tool, legally owned firearms, to be confiscated. This is an outrage!

I ask that you consider the affirmation of our rights to self-defense. Local government officials should not have the ability to make a knee-jerk decision to suspend constitutional rights without due process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **IN STRONG SUPPORT** of this bill.

Sincerely,

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