



August 9, 2023

Tennessee State Legislature  
425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.  
Cordell Hull Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Red Flag Law Special Session

To the Legislature:

We, the undersigned on behalf of the Maury County Republican Party, are sending this letter to express our opposition to Governor Lee's proposed "Red Flag Law" to be discussed in a Special Called Legislative Session beginning August 21, 2023. To put it quite simply, we believe this is a bad law camouflaged as a vitally important bill.

We believe it is the right of every American citizen to keep and bear arms and that right is given by our Creator God and guaranteed by the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights. This bill contains virtually no oversight and grants an excessive amount of control to the government requiring very little evidentiary proof that the prohibition of an individual owning or possessing a firearm is justified.

Furthermore, a majority of the specific medications currently listed in the bill are commonly used by professionals, i.e., doctors and nurse practitioners, in the treatment of depression and other mental health issues. Prohibiting ownership of a firearm based solely on whether an individual is being treated with these medications is an oversimplification and a gross overreach of governmental authority.

We stand opposed to this bill and strongly encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Maury County Republican Party Executive Committee

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