



Palm Beach County Democratic Party Democratic Executive Committee

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To: The leadership of the Florida Legislature and the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners

Re: Proposed Guns On Campus Legislation in Florida

RESOLUTION AGAINST HANDGUNS ON CAMPUSES

WHEREAS, a civil, safe and open environment is fundamental to the educational and research mission of every college and university; and

WHEREAS, guns, including legally purchased guns, have been involved in numerous unfortunate shooting incidents on many college and university campuses around the country in which students, faculty and staff have been injured and killed; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have determined and that possession of guns greatly increases the risk that innocent people will be shot; and

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill 68 and House Bill 4001 were filed to amend Florida Statute 790.06 to allow the possession of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on college and university campuses; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Florida educational and law enforcement professionals believe that prohibiting firearms on college campuses, except by trained security officers, is an essential element of an overall school safety plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palm Beach County Democratic Party is in agreement with Law Enforcement across the state of Florida and the University of Florida Faculty; that we strongly oppose Senate Bill 68, House Bill 4001; that we strongly urge the state legislators to vote against said proposed Bills, and that we further urge all Florida residents to contact their state legislators to express opposition to said proposed Bills.

Respectfully submitted to the Palm Beach County Democratic Party Executive Committee

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