

# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 5, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to which was referred HB 81,**

**AN ACT relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. John Burt**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MAJORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Criminal Justice and Public Safety</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 81</b>
Title:	<b>relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person.</b>
Date:	<b>February 5, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill makes a two word change by adding ‘or another’ to the law. The law now says that a person may use deadly force on his own property if the owner reasonably believes that a person is likely to use any unlawful force in the commission of a felony against the owner. Adding ‘Or another’ to the law means the property owner would also be legally allowed to defend their guest that do not live in the home. Current law allows for a person in their home to defend all that live in the home. This bill simply restates the rights stated in the NH Constitution, Part First, Article 2-a: "All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state."

Vote 11-10.

Rep. John Burt  
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**HB 81**, relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Burt for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. HB 81 makes a two word change by adding 'or another' to the RSA. The law now says that a person may use deadly force on his own property if the owner reasonably believes that a person is likely to use any unlawful force in the commission of a felony against the owner. Adding 'Or another' to the law means the property owner would also be legally allowed to defend their guest that do not live in the home. Current law allows for a person in their home to defend all that live in the home. This bill simply restates the rights stated in the NH Constitution, Part First, article 2-a: 'All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.'" **Vote 11-10.**

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**The Minority of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to which was referred HB 81,**

**AN ACT relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Casey Conley**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

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Rep. Casey Conley  
FOR THE MINORITY

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# Voting Sheets





2021 SESSION

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill #: 81 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2/5/2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Abbas, Daryl A. Chairman	11		
Welch, David A. Vice Chairman	1		
Burt, John A.	2		
Hopper, Gary S.	3		
Green, Dennis E.	4		
Wallace, Scott	5		
Testerman, Dave	6		
True, Chris <i>Roy</i>	7		
Pratt, Kevin M.	8		
Marston, Dick	9		
Rhodes, Jennifer M. Clerk	10		
Harriott-Gathright, Linda C.		1	
Pantelakos, Laura C.		2	
O'Hearne, Andrew S.		3	
Bordenet, John		4	
Meuse, David		5	
Newman, Ray E.		6	
Bouldin, Amanda C.		7	
Conley, Casey M.		8	
Klein-Knight, Nicole		9	
Bradley, Amy		10	

# Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 81

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person.

**DATE:** February 5, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 204 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 12:47 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 3:05 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Abbas, Welch, Rhodes, Burt, Hopper, Green, Wallace, Testerman, True, Pratt, Marston, Harriott-Gathright, Pantelakos, O'Hearne, Bordenet, Meuse, R. Newman, Amanda Bouldin, Conley, Klein-Knight and Bradley

**Bill Sponsors:**

Rep. True

Rep. Edwards

Rep. Abramson

Rep. Greene

Rep. Binford

Rep. Baldasaro

TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**Rep. Baldasaro – Support**

- Give permission to defend family

**Kendra Ford – Oppose**

- Feels people make decisions based on their feelings regarding racial issues

**Q:** Rep. Newman – Do you feel a person committing a crime knows the difference between crime levels?

**A:** Sometimes

**Q:** Do you or would you consider deadly force if someone was breaking into your home?

**A:** No

**Bill Kingston – Oppose**

- Feels it is racism issue

**Q:** Rep. Bradley – Are you opposing all of the stand or ground bills?

**A:** Yes

**Q:** Rep. Marston – Are you against defending your own self defense?

**A:** No

**Rep. Katherine Rogers – Oppose**

- Gives people a license to kill people

**Dena Romero – Oppose**

- Oppose any wording expanding stand your ground

**Alan Rice – Gun Owners of America – Support**

- Bill allows you to defend anyone in your home

**Q:** Rep. Bradley – What level of felony does this allow?

**A:** No more than before

**Q:** Rep. Burt – Can I defend anyone in my home with this bill?

**A:** Yes

**Asma Elhuri – Democrat of NH – Oppose**

**Lauren Lepag – NRA – Support**



**Joe Hannon – Gun Owners of NH – Support**

**Q:** Rep. Hopper – Do you know of situations that similar bills have been abused?

**A:** No

**Rep. Max Abramson – Support**

**Q:** Rep. Conley – Is it your belief that if I used deadly force if someone broke into my house it would be a felony?

**A:** Yes – if you defending anyone other than your self

**Rep. Maria Perez – Oppose**

**JR Hoell – NH Firearms Coalition – Support**

**Doug Marino – Oppose**

**Leonard Korn – Oppose**

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes, Clerk

# House Remote Testify

## Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Testify List for Bill HB81 on 2021- Support: 98 Oppose: 1049 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 17

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Dean, Penny	penny@pennydean.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (5m)	No
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Hoell, JR	jr@jrhoell.com	A Member of the Public	Myself and New Hampshire Firearms Coalition	Support	Yes (2m)	No
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# Testimony

**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:22:32 AM

**From:** [Tiffany Gagnon](#)

**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 9:13:19 AM

**To:** [~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)

**Subject:** NH House Remote Testify: 12:15 -- HB81 in House Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Committee Members,

I am a registered gun owner of several firearms, I have been a card-carrying member of the NRA, and I have been a recreational shooter at many firing ranges in both Massachusetts (previous residence) and New Hampshire.

I strongly oppose this bill.

I take my gun ownership seriously, and mentally train myself to avoid using it unless absolutely necessary. I am also an ally to the Black community and support the Black Lives Matter movement. I am in a unique position to understand the complicated and painful history between Black folks and police -- as I also have family members in law enforcement.

We are living in a tumultuous time when clear-heads are not prevailing. This was evident on January 6th at the Capitol. We are in a pandemic causing people to feel isolated and turn to the internet for fulfillment -- sometimes leading them down a Rabbit Hole of dangerous ideologies.

We live in a state with minimal diversity and active groups with white supremacist tendencies. I feel that the passing of this bill will make the Black and brown communities feel even more unsafe in a state where they are already considered so "other".

I believe in the right to protect myself, which is why I am a responsible gun owner. However, I believe this is a dangerous time to give more "rights" to a potential group of people who fantasize about deadly force. Aside from the alt-right supporters I'm referring to, I believe the everyday person holds too much bias to safely determine when use of deadly force should be applied.

This bill leaves too many people open to harm with too little accountability. Mix in the current state of our society and this is a perfect storm. It won't affect the supporters of this bill, but it will affect residents of this state already feeling uneasy. It is your responsibility to consider safety for ALL residents.

Thank you,  
Tiffany Gagnon  
Londonderry, NH

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**From:** [Bill Kingston](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:05:51 PM

**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**Subject:** Stand Your Ground Legislation

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:**

[StandYourGroundReport.pdf](#) 

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee;

I am submitting this study from the American Bar Association in advance of my testimony this Friday on Stand Your Ground legislation.

I plan to speak on Bills HB 81, HB 197 and HB 145. My testimony should take less than 5 minutes each.

Respectfully,

Bill Kingston

New Castle

**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:24:54 AM  
**From:** [David Gormley](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:14:11 AM  
**To:** [~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)  
**Subject:** House Bills 81 and 197  
**Importance:** Normal

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I see from the docket of bills in front of you that some may be more important to the lives of both victims and criminals than 81 & 197. However, it seems to me that these two bills will prevent honest folks from becoming criminals, a good thing.

It's left to your best judgement of course, but please consider passing these two bill. From my perspective they will be useful in such cases as when police are not able to be on the scene of critical situations.

Thank you.  
David Gormley  
Grantham/Windham

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**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:24:54 AM  
**From:** [Dina Solomon](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 6:58:36 AM  
**To:** [~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 81, HB 145, HB 197  
**Importance:** Normal

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To The Honorable Members of the NH House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

I am writing to discuss my opposition to a set of bills that will be before you for consideration this coming Friday, February 5th, 2021. HB 81, HB 197, and HB 145 expand "Stand Your Ground" laws in New Hampshire, and as a NH citizen and a mental health professional, I am strongly opposed to this kind of legislation and to these bills specifically. These bills respectively expand the legal use of deadly force for citizens, expand when and where deadly force could be used by citizens, and they remove the obligation of a citizen to retreat or de-escalate a situation or use a safe alternative means to violence. We have seen this type of legislation exonerate a grown adult (George Zimmerman) from the murder of a child (Trayvon Martin). This legislation could serve to protect people who would do harm to unarmed protestors, which could leave the expression of free speech up to the whims of extremists. This legislation encourages vigilantism, and it emboldens people to shoot first and ask questions later. As a mental health professional, I know that people consistently misread threat. I am deeply concerned that people who are often misread as threatening, such as people of color and the mentally ill, would be especially vulnerable to those who might be emboldened by this legislation to take matters into their own hands, and it would leave these vulnerable populations even more vulnerable than they already are and put them in grave danger. We have seen across the country that even law enforcement officials who have training in reading what is threatening and what is not can easily misread threat on the job. Why would we gamble on the general public who are not trained in reading threat to be able to do so accurately? I urge you to consider this information based in my professional practice strongly.

Sincerely,

Dina L. Solomon, LICSW

**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:24:55 AM  
**From:** [Bridget Goerke](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 5:48:25 PM  
**To:** ~[House Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony: I Oppose HB 197, 81 & 145  
**Importance:** Normal

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen for my New Hampshire community of color who feels threatened by these new bills being brought forth into the 2021 session, similar to the one that killed Trayvon Martin, ones that would justify killing someone at will, should you perceive them to be a threat.

These bills are a grotesque use of power against citizens and does not emphasize the importance of using de-escalation techniques or other safe alternatives. HB 197 could potentially be used to justify shooting at unarmed protestors, whom have the right to organize and protest.

There should be no LAW that deems it okay for another human being to make the decision to kill another human being. That is purely subjective and could lead to innocent lives being taken, just like so many have already.

I strongly oppose these bills and suggest we start forming communities of care, rather than violence towards one another.

Thank you,  
Bridget Goerke

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**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:22:32 AM  
**From:** [John Garrison](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 3:05:16 PM  
**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**Subject:** HB-81  
**Importance:** Normal

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Respected Members of the Standing Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
of the New Hampshire House of Representatives:

This message also failed, I'm afraid. Again I apologize.

I am writing to ensure that you know that my spouse, Debbie and I, fully support HB-81 which proposes to Amend RSA 627:4 to ensure that every citizen of this great state has the right to use deadly force to protect him or herself, or anyone else who might be with them in their home, their dwelling, and/or its curtilage from any and all aggressors who are likely to use unlawful force in the commission of a felony.

We trust that your committee will vote to send it to the floor of the house.

Thank you.

*John & Debbie Garrison*

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*"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me,  
'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" - Fred Rogers*

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**From:** John Garrison  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 3:04:15 PM  
**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**Subject:** HB-197  
**Importance:** Normal

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Respected Members of the Standing Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
of the New Hampshire House of Representatives:

I attempted to send this message much earlier today, but I just learned that your address was rejected. I apologize.

I am writing to ensure that you know that my spouse, Debbie and I, fully support HB-197 which proposes to Amend RSA 627:4 to ensure that every citizen of this great state has the right to use deadly force to protect him or herself, or anyone else who might be with them in their home, their dwelling, and/or its curtilage **and their vehicle** from any, and all, aggressors who are likely to use unlawful force in the commission of a felony or during a riot.

We, in the great State of New Hampshire must codify the fact that those who choose to demonstrate as a means of communicating their message WILL NOT be allowed to use unlawful force to emphasize their message points while innocent citizens and police stand idly by, unable to protect themselves, their family, or ANY person.

What we have witnessed in numerous states during 2020, cannot be allowed in our granite state!

We trust that your committee will vote to send HB-197 to the floor of the house.

Thank you.

*John & Debbie Garrison*

John A. Garrison

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**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:22:32 AM  
**From:** Jay Newton  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 1:45:14 PM  
**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**Subject:** HB 81, Oppose, Constituent in Gilford, NH  
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

I oppose HB 81, 197, and 145.

The second amendment guarantees the right to bear arms and we use that as an excuse to avoid regulating firearms when in fact they are very dangerous and while they can be used for competitive sport, they are mostly designed to kill. These laws use fear in an argument to say whenever any gun owner, no training required, feels threatened in any way, they may fire away with a device which has been carefully engineered to do deadly damage to animal ( humans are animals) tissue.

We don't allow highly trained police and military personnel to use deadly force without reviewing all available options. A citizen without that training is going to make fear driven mistakes which could be possibly be avoided if they knew going into a situation that they could go to jail if they act inappropriately. These laws take away that safeguard.

In contrast we also have the constitutional right to vote. NH legislators are currently pushing several bills that will make it more difficult to vote, reducing ways to enjoy that right when there is no proof that voter voter fraud exists in any meaningful way. They say the threat of punishment will make people think twice about committing voter fraud. Easily available evidence shows that violent gun deaths occur 10,000 more times annually in the United States than individual cases of voter fraud.

What should we be making it easier to do?

Kind regards,

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**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:24:55 AM  
**From:** [Jan Schmidt](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 1:45:49 PM  
**To:** ~[House Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)  
**Subject:** House bills 81, 197, and 145 Testimony  
**Importance:** Normal

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Honored Member of Criminal Justice,

We have the Castle Defense in NH, it has been the law here for a very long time. It makes clear what anyone should know. You enter my home without my permission and I have the right to kill you. Period. This works because it is clear cut, my space is my space. Any extension of “my space” into the public areas is NOT clear cut and in some places folks have gotten this quite wrong, and you can’t take that round back once it's left the gun. People have died. Unnecessarily. Families have lost loved ones. For no real cause.

Folks who aren’t watching think we’re chopping away at their rights in Concord - it’s just the opposite. Laws are being dropped, good, safe, effective laws gone and the responsible gun owners I know want us to stop. They know that they are in as much danger from irresponsible gun owners as we all are.

ITL these bills and send a message to the state that we are responsible and know laws help keep us all on track.

Regards,  
Representative Jan Schmidt  
Proud Chair of the Nashua Delegation

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**From:** [jakenh@comcast.net](mailto:jakenh@comcast.net)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 7:01:49 PM  
**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**Subject:** HB 81 and HB 197  
**Importance:** Normal

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I support the changes to both HB81 and HB197 as an individual needs to protect their home and love ones. My brother was murdered in 1979 and they said he was probably taken from his home in New Boston. He was burned to death in the back of his car with hands and legs bound behind his back. Maybe if he had a gun and could defend himself he would not of died at the age of 27. I am a hard working and law abiding citizen who just wants to protect myself and my wife. It seem like all the laws are designed to protect the criminals and none are there for the law abiding person who just wants to be left alone in their home. I don't have a lot but my home is my castle and I should have the right to protect my home as I worked every hard for what I own. Please support the changes to HB 81 and HB 197, Thanks Michael Jache, 2 Donald St, Hooksett, NH

**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:22:32 AM

**From:** [Katherine Rogers](#)

**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 1:51:22 PM


**To:** ~[House Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)

**Subject:** Testimony on HB 81 from Rep Katherine Rogers

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** [Rogers Testimony on HB 81.docx](#) ,

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**Archived:** Friday, February 12, 2021 4:26:19 PM  
**From:** Leonard Korn  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:31:24 PM  
**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**Cc:** Michael Padmore; James Potter; Patrick A. Ho  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB 81, HB 197 and HB 145  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Attachments:**  
[Testimony on HB 81.docx](#) 

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Dear House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee members,

I am enclosing a copy of my testimony against HB 81, HB 197 and HB 145 that will be heard in Committee on February 5, 2021. I plan on presenting this testimony for your attention on 2/5/21.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours truly,

Leonard Korn MD  
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**From:** LePage, Lauren

**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 1:13:36 PM

**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**Subject:** Testimony - HB 81 & HB 197

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:**

[HB 81 and 197 - Self Defense.pdf](#) ; 

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Good Afternoon Members of the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee:

On behalf of NRA, I have attached please testimony in support of House Bill 81 and House Bill 197.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,

Lauren

**Lauren E. LePage, Esq.**

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**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**Subject:** Stand Your Ground  
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Committee Members.

I am writing to oppose the following legislation currently under your consideration.

**HB 81 relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person.\***

**HB 197, relative to the use of deadly force in defense of another.**

**HB 145 relative to physical force in defense of a person.**

I think we have seen how ineffective these laws have been in actually reducing crime. In fact, these laws help to encourage and protect white vigilantism and embolden reckless gun owners to shoot first, ask questions later, and claim self-defense to avoid culpability for murder. Everyone has the right to stay alive while walking or jogging in their neighborhood. Ahmaud Arbery is sadly a prime example of this. Stand Your Ground laws move us to violence in situations where stepping back would have resulted in a more positive outcome.

Maureen Ellermann  
Concord, NH



**Archived:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:22:32 AM  
**From:** Pam Hanson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 10:46:43 AM  
**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**Subject:** HBs 81, 197, and 145  
**Importance:** Normal

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To the Members of the NH House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

I wish to express my complete opposition to HB 81, HB 197, and HB 145.  
I am a pacifist. I do not believe that the use of violence is the first or only choice available to us to resolve conflict.

HB 81

Consider this situation: an individual approaches a private residence to solicit census information, or for a town survey, or to campaign for a political candidate. The resident doesn't like the individual for whatever reason and shoots the individual.

If there is no witness to the murder, this bill, if enacted as law, would completely block the prosecution of the resident. Such protection under the law is criminal.

HB 197 & HB 145

"Why do we kill people who kill people in order to teach people not to kill people?"

Less violence, less opportunity for violence, less justification of violence, less tacit acceptance of violence is what we need at every level of society.

If violence and guns could solve our political, social, economic, moral, and personal issues we would be living in paradise right now. We have more guns per capita than any other nation in the world. It is ludicrous.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinions.

There are a lot of us in NH who do not own guns, do not want guns in our towns and in our state. If you only listen to the NRA and the 2nd Amendment activists, you only hear one side of the story.

Pamela R. Hanson



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**From:** [Ray Pinard](#)

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**To:** ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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**Subject:** HB 81 and HB 197

**Importance:** Normal

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Good morning:

I am writing to ask you to support HB 81 and HB 197. Please vote ought to pass.

Respectfully, Ray

[House Bill 81](#) proposes to clarify that an individual is justified in using physical force in defense of another individual, such as a family member, when a felony is being committed within the individual's dwelling or adjacent property.

[House Bill 197](#) is a similar common-sense measure that extends the justified physical force in defense of a person, when it is believed that another person is likely to use unlawful force against the individual in a vehicle, dwelling, or adjacent property.

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Bill as  
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HB 81 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **81**

AN ACT                relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person.

SPONSORS:            Rep. True, Rock. 4; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 4; Rep. Abramson, Rock. 37; Rep. Greene,  
                         Hills. 37; Rep. Binford, Graf. 15; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock. 5

COMMITTEE:          Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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ANALYSIS

This bill permits the use of deadly force in defense of another person.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT relative to the justified use of deadly force upon another person.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 Statement of Purpose. The general court finds that inhabitants have both a right and a duty  
2 to defend their own family and the occupants of their home. When a private citizen is faced with an  
3 immediate threat to someone in his or her household, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that,  
4 "Detached reflection cannot be demanded in the presence of an uplifted knife." *Brown v. United*  
5 *States*, 256 U.S. 335 (1921). Further, the New Hampshire constitution, part first, article 2-a reads,  
6 "All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their  
7 property and the state."

8           2 Justification; Physical Force in Defense of a Person. Amend RSA 627:4, II(d) to read as  
9 follows:

10                   (d) Is likely to use any unlawful force in the commission of a felony against the actor **or**  
11 **another** within such actor's dwelling or its curtilage.

12           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.