



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
FROM: Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Chair, Public Health & Safety Standing Committee
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison

VIA: Hon. Mary Sheffield, City Council President
DATE: 05 June 2023

RE: REMOVE PRIVILEGE ON SYNDICATE OPINION

Pursuant to our previous request for a legal opinion regarding the formation of a coalition of government agencies to exert purchasing power over gun manufacturers, we have received the law department's analysis. This opinion is of significant importance to our ongoing discussions, and we believe that its details should be made publicly accessible for the purpose of transparency and further deliberations.

Consequently, I request that LPD prepare a resolution to remove privilege on the syndicate opinion memo concerning the constitutionality of our proposed coalition under the Commerce Clause, including considerations of the Interstate Commerce, Dormant Commerce Clause, and the Market Participant Exception.

Please facilitate the necessary steps for this request as soon as possible. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at, 313-224-1198.