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It is my belief that as citizens - as people - if we have an opportunity to save a life, we are obliged to do everything within our power to try. I believe HB 4147 gives us this opportunity, by the simple measure of keeping guns out of the hands of people who, by law, do not have the right to purchase them.

I feel very fortunate that, as an American living in 2016, my life has *not* been directly effected by gun violence. I am one of the lucky ones. But my heart breaks on a daily basis as I read story after story about those who have not been so fortunate: Children who will never grow up because they were victims of senseless gun violence; families who must live with the loss of their loved ones and communities torn apart because, for example, a young man filled with hate, was able to buy a gun he was not entitled to, simply because of a loophole in the law.

If we have the opportunity to save even one life, it is incumbent upon us to try.