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## Let's begin here:

How many ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS have you allowed to bring ire arms across the border with them? Yeah, you have NO idea! How many ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS have been arrested for Murders, Robberies, Rapes and numerous other crimes. Most of them involving fire arms? Then you release them back into the public because we are a sanctuary state. You DO NOT allow I.C,E, to take custody of them and deport them as they should be.

Secondly, How many lives have been saved across the United States since people did not keep their fire arms locked up in their homes but chose to keep them on their sides, How many fire arms have been saved in stores, malls, churches and schools because people had their fire arms with them? Have you done any investigation into how many children have died by either accident or intentionally by getting into their parents medicine chest? How many have hung themselves? How many have went out and found illegal drugs to help the pain of being bullied in their school because they just couldn't handle it any more? Have you investigated any of this?

did you understand why a child took their parents or a family members life? Many you will find come from abuse within the home and they don't know any way out but to get rid of the person that is abusing them. How do I know? Several times I considered doing the same thing to my mom. The only thing that kept me sane from her was my dad and grandma. I could run away to them for awhile. some kids have no where to run.

If a person is going to commit suicide you are NOT going to stop them! they will find a way. Locking a fire arm is't going to be the answer.

If a person is intent on stealing you fire arm, locking them up isn't the answer. My daughter and son-in-law had a gun safe. I believed it was one of the best I had seen. It was steel. It was large with a combination lock. He buys what is the best on the market as he has the money to do so. They went to Mexico on vacation. When they arrived back home they found there home had been broken into, and the gun safe had been cut into by some one with a torch. They had cut the hinges. So tell me how safe a gun safe is. If some one is intent on stealing something, they will figure a way to do it.

A friend of mine took his vehicle, with his wife, child and dog inside drove it onto a train track facing the train and they were all killed on impact. Yeah, murder/suicide! He took his whole family with him. He didn't need a gun.

How many people have you heard of stabbing people other people to death? Numerous! They didn't need a fire arm did they?

How about those using machetes?

Fire arms aren't the problem! People are going to find them one way or another. Many people even put them away not thinking to even check on them from time to time Then suddenly there is a knock on the door and their gun has been used in an incident. Well that's impossible, I haven;t had it out in years. I have never shown it to any one. It's ], where ever they aw it last. They go to get it and it's gone. Their like, I could have sworn I put it right there. People are going to steal them, bring them over the borders. Your not going to stop them! Locking them away is senseless as If a person needs them to protect their home from an intruder and they have to unlock them, then go unlock the ammo, then go unlock the clip, then load the clip. Guess what:? That family is dead and that gun is now out in the public!

Yeah! You got the picture yet. It's NOT the gun owner, It's NOT the Gun store owner. It's the thieves and the dirt bags determined that they don't care how hard we try to stop them. Their going to have guns any ways. We need them readily available to protect ourselves. What we do need is parents who provide their kids with proper education on gun safety as most lives lost by children with guns in the homes, is accidental discharge. Look it up! I agree, Parents should keep all fire arms out of the reach of children and stricter laws should be on the books for parents that fail to do so. I believe that gun safety should start early in the home, but the children should never be shown where the fire arms are located until the parent feels the child is mature enough to understand the repercussions of ever having to use it. also any parent that knows their child has mental health issues should never have a fire arm within the reach of that child.

Sorry probably went over, but there is alot more to this bill and too many issues in one bill to argue. Just put it simple. It is ignorance of people not owning their own fire arms and not doing their own investigations into all the issues and numbers. Beak it down into more sensible English and face one issue at a time.

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