

To Whom it May Concern

I am completely in opposition to this proposed legislation. First, it imposes restrictions that are discriminatory to 18 to 21 year olds for a Constitutional Right. Secondly it infringes on the Constitutional Rights of individuals with overbearing and punitive regulations that will only lead to harassment of legal gun owners. Third, the rules will be impossible to enforce. Fourth, in the case of theft, it is designed to punish the victim of the crime not the thief. Do we charge people with a crime if their car is stolen and they left the key in the car? Fifth, the storage laws are unreasonable. If I have a gun locked in my car out of sight or locked in the trunk, that is secure. Lets imagine I am in a hunting camp with 18 to 21 year olds present and I put down my gun to go to the bathroom in the woods and one of them picks it up to move it out of the way, have I committed a crime? Anyone could think of dozens of such events such as this hypothetical one. Sixth, what people do in their own homes should be their business not the States. Guns locked up have little to no use for self protection in a home invasion or attack.

If you really want to protect children and adults how about going after opioids which have killed 700,000 people since 1999 according to a news cast I just watched.

Gun safety is important to be sure but controls should be reasonable and enforceable not emotional reactions to an issue like gun deaths of children. Since Columbine there have been 150 children and adults killed in school shootings according to a recent article in Atlantic Magazine. In that same time period there have been some 60,000 kids under 19 killed in vehicle accidents. I do not see drastic actions being taken against cars. Single vehicle accidents do not register emotionally the same way as a shooting. While school shootings must be stopped, everyone agrees to that, unenforcible laws that violate constitutional rights is not the way to proceed. There have been obvious mental health issues in nearly every shooting. That should be the main line of attack on stopping the shootings.

I do believe that if someone is so obviously negligent that a child is killed or injured for any action that they should be prosecuted. We already have laws for that.