

To whom it may concern:

I am a retired, tax paying, veteran, hunter, sports shooter and gun collector for over fifty years and now my constitutional right to protect my home, enjoy my hobby and live a safe comfortable life is being attacked because our paid representatives can't control criminals and murderers with the laws they have already made and can't enforce.

Guns don't kill PEOPLE, PEOPLE kill PEOPLE. Knives, axes, rocks, bats and automobiles are also used to kill PEOPLE by sick, mentally ill PEOPLE.

The real issue that is not being addressed to its maximum and that is the **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE**.

All the school shooters have had mental health issues that were not addressed, recognized or acted upon. A lot of these terrible crimes could have been either prevented, or minimized if law enforcement, relatives or neighbors would have done their job as regular normal law abiding human beings. So it is easier to blame an inanimate object that does nothing, hurts no one, and kills no one, if not used by a HUMAN BEING to accomplish their sick mission of destruction. Again, we are talking about sick people, or METAL HEALTH.

When President Kennedy was assassinated they didn't blame the gun they blamed Lee Harvey Oswald, a human being. What is wrong with this picture?

Criminals do not and will not heed any laws that will negatively affect law abiding citizens; they live by their own laws. We have laws that might work if we would enforce them. Criminals are being treated too leniently. So now the law abiding citizen is being attacked with laws that will not make anyone safer or stop crime.

Do what is right for the citizens of our great State. HB4005 is not it.

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