

I am an NRA Range Safety officer. THE ONLY reason I associate with the NRA is to promote firearm and hunter safety.

This bill does not increase the penalty for stealing firearms but restricts reasonable use and access. I have had child and adult gunshot victims, including suicide attempt victims in my practice. I have seen the results of gunshot trauma close up and worked diligently to improve patient outcomes.

Barring easy access to an immediately functional firearm is a difficult proposition. The current bill requires "safety lock" devices that are easy by passed, disabled or removed. Cable through the action or trigger locks are easily removed by experienced thieves, or anyone desperately wanting to use the firearm. To do this requires time that defeats the averred purpose of personal protection.

A number coded or fingerprint only entry safe is the best and most available and practical solution to this very difficult situation. The gun owner is still responsible for keeping the firearm secured.

If a car is stolen to facilitate a crime, or assist in a getaway, or mow down a sidewalk full of people, should the vehicle owner be held responsible for actions. Again if a thief steals a hunting knife or even a kitchen knife and commits mayhem with it, will the knife owner be held responsible? Preposterous.

I support the need for firearms safety and owner responsible in every instance, but this is based on lack of information about efforts and available contemporary technology encouraged by the firearms industry itself.

Bloomberg was wrong on "stop and frisk" policy. He is wrong on this.

Respectfully yours,

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