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Concealed handgun license holders represent the most responsible gun owners. Laws that specifically target them do nothing to address the issue of gun violence, public safety or criminal activity. All this does is put CHL holders at risk of having their firearms stolen by requiring them be left in cars when visiting “sensitive” areas and make it far too easy to become a criminal by accident with no malicious intent.

Lastly, in a country where almost half of its population owns firearms and gun violence by criminals remains an issue, these laws attempting to create gun-free zones without any active enforcement is nonsensical. It makes sense when it’s enforced like TSA but without it, it only makes these “sensitive” areas dangerously more sensitive and attractive targets to would-be mass shooters. Unfortunately, it’s no surprise that so many of the highly publicized mass shootings occur in gun-free zones. Even the recent NY Buffalo shooter’s manifesto mentioned seeking areas least likely to encounter CHLs.

Gun violence is definitely a problem in this country but CHLs are not it.