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Making public places "gun free zones" only marks those areas as better targets for criminals to attack. Criminals, by definition, do not adhere to laws, thus the only people with guns in "gun free zones" end up being the criminals. Law-abiding concealed carry permit holders are not threats to public safety. They are actually a protective force to deter criminals in society. If legislators actually wanted to do something to reduce gun violence, they would focus on arresting, and especially prosecuting, violent criminals. But so long as criminals are not prosecuted and are allowed to repeatedly commit crimes, it is clear that our legislators are not serious about reducing gun violence. Please reject HB 2007.