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I've listened to many individuals today that support HB2007 under the argument that guns are dangerous. And therefore somehow Concealed Handgun License holders are also "dangerous people", and somehow to be equally feared as criminals who are actually seeking and causing violence.

Criminals who choose to carry without a license, who are not getting fingerprinted or photographed at the police station before carrying.

Unfortunately this legislation runs with the prejudiced view that CHL holders are a danger. And that somehow restricting their access to public areas will deter the criminals who do wish to cause violence. That creating new ways to capture and change CHL holders (and those individuals alone), will somehow deter the behavior of criminals.

Therefore I challenge the committee to actually prove that CHL holders are the danger they are being represented as.

 What is the crime rate of CHL holders vs the general population. Or our own police force, for that matter. Prove your case that CHL holders are the dangerous people you claim they are.

This simple question will show if the legislator are actually trying to address violence, or adhering to the stereotype that if someone has a gun, they are a danger no different from the criminals.