

As a parent who has taught my children at a young age gun safety I feel this bill directly violates their right to protect themselves. I have a 19 year old who leaves in June for the marines, and is old enough to fight for our country but under this bill not old enough to own a firearm. I have a 17 year old who will be 18 in June and shortly after will be moving out on his own and under this bill will not be able to own a firearm to protect himself or even be able to go hunting by himself. This bill will not reduce crime or suicide by any means. Suicide rates are high in teenage years because of the pressure society has put on them. Most lost 2 years of high school, friends, sports, etc due to covid lock downs. Society has made them feel that if they are white they are automatically racist, if they are straight they are automatically homophobic. So maybe what we need to do instead of taking their rights away we need to offer counseling, mental health, and drug counseling. More young adults between 18 and 21 years old overdose on drugs, than commit suicide with a firearm. As a parent of 3 children I highly oppose this bill. Keep in mind the people pushing for this bill are also the people who believe the voting age should be 16.