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I oppose this measure for multiple reasons, chief of which is someone who can legally live on their own but not have access to a firearm for self-defense. As a public safety dispatcher, I can personally testify to multiple occasions where someone was attempting to force their way into someone's residence while they were unarmed. Hearing the absolute fear in their voice and change in demeanor when they realize that they may be facing death that very instant is indescribable. The feeling of helplessness as I remain on the phone with them while waiting for law enforcement to arrive is especially indescribable. Response times for law enforcement, even in the best of cases, is minutes; this time is more than enough for someone to force their way into someone's residence, assault or murder them, then leave the area undetected. I cannot understand what justification anyone can make to take away a law-abiding citizen's right to defend themselves, particularly in their residence. I invite any member of this committee to research and listen to tapes of 9-1-1 calls from citizens who have had to defend themselves from home-invasion, robbery, assault and even murder to truly understand how this bill will negatively impact those who simply want to be able to safely live on their own when they turn 18 years old.