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When you think-through this bill, it is blatant prejudice. To obtain a CCW, a person must pass a class certified by our law enforcement, then provide law enforcement with their vital information and finger prints, to be kept on file indefinitely. How can anyone imagine someone going through all this if they intend to commit a crime? That is absurd.

So, what this bill is about is that some people lump-together the most law-abiding people in our society with the worst law-breakers. Every study I've seen has found that CCW holders are statistically the least-likely to break even minor laws, much less commit violent crimes\*. Those who support this bill, by not recognizing this profound and factually-supported distinction between CCW holders and violent criminals, demonstrate an unreasonable prejudice against people based simply on their membership in a broad and general group. This prejudice is no different than believing all immigrants are criminals, or all Muslims are terrorists, or all LGBTQ+ people are pedophiles.

This bill, however well-intentioned, is so clearly wrong, both morally and factually, and with even rudimentary critical thinking cannot possibly provide any improvement in safety whatsoever. I cannot fathom how any intelligent, thoughtful and informed person would support it.

\*[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=4368641](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4368641)