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Hello. I am opposed to the proposed bill as historically, funding towards firearms legislation has shown to have no discernible decrease in firearms deaths. Funding programs like these do nothing to stop gun violence and only serve to fund opponents of second amendment rights to bear arms(including all handguns and modern long guns). The proposed measure would not include any funding to pro-2A groups, only to those who wish to punish law abiding "well regulated" civilians owning firearms. Funding towards these groups has also shown to increase legislation that directly impacts the poorest and minority groups from exercising their second amendment rights, as is likely the point. The funding proposed in this bill could be better used to address the root causes of societal issues surrounding violence and mental health such as income inequality and career and housing opportunity rather than looking for ways to strip people of their fundamental rights to arms.